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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the Air Force Safety Center.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

This document is revised to reflect the current organization designation and requirements. Administrative changes have been made to update this mission directive in electronic format and comply with updated guidance in AFD 10-1 and AFI 10-101.

1. Mission. The mission of the Air Force Safety Center (AFSC) is to conduct studies and analyses that support the Air Force Strategic Plan and published safety directives. The AFSC develops, evaluates, and recommends new or improved policies, procedures, and processes in support of Air Force core competencies, and strives to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Air Force Safety. The AFSC serves as the Air Force clearinghouse for safety studies and analyses and publishes these for review via automated systems and safety magazines. AFSC oversees, and assists commanders in the implementation of system safety practices including mishap investigation and various Air Force mishap prevention programs. These programs cover aviation, ground, space, conventional and nuclear weapons, and emerging technologies. The overall purpose of these programs is to prevent the unnecessary loss of personnel, systems, facilities, equipment, and resources, and to enhance the capability to successfully accomplish the Air Force Mission. This organization is a field operating agency (FOA).

2. Command. The AFSC Commander:

2.1. Is dual-hatted as the Air Force Safety Center Commander and the Air Force Chief of Safety (AF/SE), and reports directly to the Chief of Staff (CSAF).

2.2. Interacts and communicates directly with all major commands (MAJCOM), direct reporting units (DRU), and FOAs, as well as all official government and DoD agencies on safety tasks for which HQ AFSC has assigned responsibility.

3. Responsibilities. AFSC:

- 3.1. Develops safety program management policy.
- 3.2. Develops instructions governing AF mishap prevention and mishap investigation.
- 3.3. Develops and manages AF-level programs to aid in mishap prevention.
- 3.4. Develops and maintains capability to provide commanders technical assistance for mishap prevention and investigation.
- 3.5. Reviews investigation reports and tracks mishap recommendations through completion.
- 3.6. Manages Air Force mishap prevention education and media information through safety education, USAF Crash Laboratory training, recurring magazine publications, and safety videos.
- 3.7. Evaluates and assesses effectiveness of unit and organizational safety and mishap prevention programs.
- 3.8. Manages and administers the USAF Safety Awards Program.
- 3.9. Develops Air Force Occupational Safety (AFOSH) standards. Monitors and evaluates AFOSH programs to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).
- 3.10. Collects and manages information from AF mishap reports.

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