

NAVAL SAFETY CENTER'S WEBSITE LINKS SAFETY SURFERS WITH SAFETY INFORMATION



“It’s like having the whole Naval Safety Center staff right at my desk.” That’s how Ensign Chad Albert of Naval Unit ACU-2 at the Navy’s Little Creek Amphibious Base in Virginia describes the Naval Safety Center’s (NSC’s) website.

“I have the safety information I need right at my fingertips,” Albert continues. “When I’m looking at the latest versions of the Naval Safety Center’s publications and safety alerts [notices of hazards that have come to NSC’s attention] on their website, I know I’m getting the most up-to-date information available.”

Albert isn’t the only one who benefits from accessing the Safety Center’s website. According to NSC’s webmaster, Ron Campbell, the website averages 900,000 hits every month. “Our Web customers come from all over,” says Campbell. “Not only are active-duty Sailors and Marines logging on to our site, so are people from other military services and private citizens.”

What information do these *safety surfers* find? They can log on to online



Safety surfers can find online versions of Safety Center’s periodicals

versions of the Safety Center’s periodic publications: *Approach*, for aviators; *Mech*, for the mechanics who keep the planes flying; *Ashore*, for shore-command and off-duty safety considerations; *Fathom*, for Sailors and Marines on our ships and submarines; *Ship’s Safety Bulletin*, for up-to-date technical information about ships; *Flash*, for submarine Sailors, and *Diving Safetylines*, for divers. The Naval Safety Center also posts

safety alerts and a wealth of other resources such as safety checklists, Naval Safety Center lectures and seminars, hazards frequently identified during safety surveys, and links to other safety sites.

Navy Safety Officers find the website's information very useful in their jobs. Chief Warrant Officer Terry Cloer, the safety officer at ACU-2 says, "I go to the Safety Center's website at least once or twice a week. I downloaded the latest Navy Traffic Safety Program revision and gave a copy to my administrative office so they could update their files. I also



Naval Safety Center Services poster available on NSC web site

downloaded safety presentations in *Microsoft PowerPoint*[™] for ongoing safety training in my department."

Cloer says he also e-mails valuable safety information from the Safety Center website to his home computer. "That way, I can download information on recreational and traffic safety, and share it with my family."

The Naval Safety Center homepage has been redesigned to improve access to all the major sections of the website, according to webmaster Campbell. "Our goal is to make it easy for viewers to navigate the site and find the safety information they're looking for. We add new features as our site continues to grow and will

continue to add more resources as they become available."

The Safety Center's aviation, afloat and ashore directorates as well as NSC's media department have their own webpages on the NSC website. The Naval Safety Center website also has webpages dedicated to Operational Risk Management (ORM), Safety Culture Workshops, statistics, and downloadable safety posters.

"Our webpages all include a link back to the webmaster's e-mail address for comments," says Campbell. "We use feedback from site visitors to

help us improve the website and make it even more relevant to their needs.”

The Naval Safety Center’s website makes valuable safety information available quickly and easily. The resources on the website are helping Navy and other service enlisted and civilian personnel, their families, and the general public to stay safe on the job, on the road, at home, and at play. To visit the Naval Safety Center’s website, log onto www.safetycenter.navy.mil. Let the Naval Safety Center bring safety information to you too.

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