



Short Safety Subject

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It's Not My Job

It is extremely frustrating at times to walk into a servicing agency seeking assistance and find out that you can't get service because Joe know-it-all is on vacation. The situation sometimes gets tense, especially when the person says, "it's not my job - so I can't help you."

It's great to know that this scenario does not happen very often, but once is too often! During a recent visit, I walked into a unit and asked a senior manager to see his unit safety program. He replied, "that's not my job, the safety office is responsible for safety." I further inquired as to what role he played in supporting the safety program. He indicated that his primary responsibility was to supervise and get the work out.

Safety is an inherent responsibility of management and supervision. We need to get safety responsibilities in the right perspective. The safety office manages the overall safety program for the senior commander who is also the senior safety officer. Each unit under his command should have their own safety program that complements and supports the safety program, with the goal of better mission accomplishment.

As safety program managers, safety personnel monitor and are readily available to assist unit commanders in developing their programs.

Managers, supervisors and individual employees have safety related responsibilities.

The bottom line - who is responsible for safety accomplishing the mission? We all are! It's a matter of preserving life and valuable resources while accomplishing the mission not only today, but also tomorrow.