

Department of Defense



Defense Safety Oversight Council Charter

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DEFENSE SAFETY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL CHARTER

I. ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A. ESTABLISHMENT

The Deputy Secretary of Defense established the Defense Safety Oversight Council in July 2003, herein referred to as the Council. The Charter delineates the Council's membership, and specifies the scope of activities and procedures.

B. PURPOSE

The Council will provide governance on DoD-wide efforts to reduce preventable mishaps.

C. SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Council shall:

1. Review accident and incident trends, ongoing safety initiatives, private sector and other governmental agency best practices, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense for safety improvement policies, programs, and investments.
2. The Council will establish and monitor metrics to reduce DoD accidents and injuries by 75% of the FY 2002 levels for each Military Department and the Defense Agencies by the end of FY 2008.
3. Assess, review and advise on improving all aspects of the coordination, relevance, efficiency, efficacy, timeliness and viability of existing DoD-wide safety and injury prevention information management systems.
4. Promote the development and implementation of safety initiatives including:
 - Employing proven safety technologies; and
 - Applying systems safety for acquisitions and operations, to improve mission success as well as preserve human and physical resources throughout DoD.
5. Oversee Council committees, receive regular progress reports on the status of approved action plans, serve as the approval authority for actions proposed by Council committees, and endorse appointment letters for committee chairs and members through their chain of command.
6. Coordinate with other federal agencies and industry leaders, to facilitate communication, coordination, and integration of best practices into DoD planning, development and implementation of initiatives and programs.
7. Support research to improve human performance and/or sustainment, safety training and education standards/procedures, and equipment.

II. ORGANIZATION

A. The Defense Safety Oversight Council shall include committees, task forces and work groups appointed by the Council. Each task force formed under this Council will submit a charter to the Council for approval. These charters will receive an annual review by the Council.

B. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will chair this Council.

C. The Council shall have overall responsibility for the implementation of this Charter. The Council shall consist of the principals and associate members. The principal members include the following:

- Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (as Chair)
- Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
- Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer
- Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
- Under Secretary of the Army
- Under Secretary of the Navy
- Under Secretary of the Air Force
- Vice Chief of Staff of the Army
- Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- Vice Chief of Naval Operations
- Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps

The associate members will attend meetings of the DSOC when matters under their cognizance are addressed. Associate members include the following:

- Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Defense (Inspections and Policy)
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment)
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness)
- Deputy Under Secretary (Civilian Personnel Policy)
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Resource Planning/Management)
- Deputy Director (Administration & Management)
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Clinical & Program Policy)

D. The Director, Readiness Programming and Assessment, will serve as the Executive Secretary for the Council.

III. PROCEDURES

A. The Chair will convene the Council as needed, but at least semi-annually. All committees, task forces and work groups shall keep the Council current on all their respective actions.

B. The Council Chair will regularly brief the Senior Executive Committee on all Council actions and recommendations.

C. The Council Chair will report for the Council to the Secretary through the Deputy Secretary as appropriate. The Council Chair may amend this charter as necessary to accomplish the Council's mission.

D. Budgetary requirements and administrative support for the Council will be coordinated by the Chair.

E. The Council Chair will ensure that communication of all activities will occur throughout DoD. The Executive Secretary will maintain historical documentation of accomplishments and recommendations.

F. The Council will operate in accordance with DoD Directive 5105.18, "DoD Committee Management Program," February 8, 1999.

IV. DURATION OF COMMITTEE

The Charter will continue until amended, superseded, or revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew G. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.