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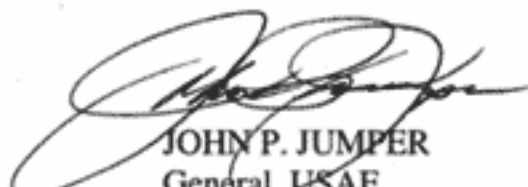
SUBJECT: Post-Suicide Assessment Process

This memorandum forwards another in the series of initiatives identified by the Suicide Intervention Task Force (ITF) chartered by AF/CV earlier this year. One of the key recommendations from the ITF was that I ensure each MAJCOM implements a post-suicide assessment process. Command should use this process to host a community-wide examination of the lessons to be learned from each of these unfortunate occurrences with a goal of helping to prevent future fatalities.

It is important that each MAJCOM have a post-suicide assessment process formalized and available. Some of you have superb programs already in place. While there is no "one size fits all" in this effort, common points of the existing programs can help ensure successful programs Air Force-wide. To this end, my point of contact, Lt Col Rick Campise, the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Manager, recently shared best practices and important areas of coverage with your respective MAJCOM Behavioral Health Consultants. Those points should help guide the assessment and fine-tuning of your existing program and/or the construction of a new program.

An important part of any such process is the mechanism for providing lessons learned to AFMOA/SGZF for distribution throughout the Air Force. Any lessons learned should be forwarded to Lt Col Campise at AFMOA/SGZF, 110 Luke Avenue, Bolling AFB, DC 20332-7050. He can also be reached at DSN 297-4285 or via e-mail at rick.campise@pentagon.af.mil.

We have been very successful in reducing the rate of suicide in the Air Force and our program continues to serve as a model for the nation. Suicide prevention is about more than just preventing suicide; it is about taking care of our own. I urge you to maintain your commitment to this effort.


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