

JUSTIFICATION TO COMBINE FOD AND BASH CONTROL INTO A CIVILIAN JOB

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Abstract

Through trial and error I do something that really works with FOD prevention: I spend a significant amount of my time picking up FOD myself. "Steve, You're a Master Sergeant. Your job is to make everybody else do that. You monitor the program and your time is too valuable. We need you to spend your time wisely, by filling out metrics and going to commander's calls and inspecting everybody else for compliance." "True", I counter. "But there are simply too many times where I will not drive by a piece of FOD on the airfield or not pick up the trash on the hangar floor because its not my job. I am a member of the 5th Bomb Wing. As such I have the responsibility and duty to pick up FOD as the next person. Yes, I'll be sure to tell others about something I picked up later if it appears to be a trend but I know it was picked up because I picked it up myself!"

This simple philosophy appears to be what separates my program from others. By the grace of God, I have not had a preventable/reportable engine FOD for 39 months using this philosophy. "Oh, that's because it's the B-52, you say." I had two preventable engine FODs the first 5 months I was in the job and there were two the year before that. Maybe I know what I am talking about.