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SAFETY MANAGER NOTES

This newsletter is one of those that can be described as “all-over-the-map!” But when we really think about it, that is the safety program. One minute you can be talking about safety in a motor pool and the next you are discussing the safety requirements for an upcoming hand-grenade range, then moving on to how to promote eye health and protection and ending with planning remedial drivers training. Safety is involved in everything and safety needs to be everywhere. This is why it is said that “SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY.” Not only is this true but it is also true that safety is a must in all operations, activities and missions - both on and off-duty.

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 Upcoming Training:

- ◆ March is Work-place Eye Wellness Month Eye Safety Training will be on 13, 20 and 27 March—More to follow
- ◆ Also 19-23 March is Poison Prevention Week

SAFETY TRENDS REPORT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- None

FY18 ARMY ACCIDENT FATALITIES = 11

No pie-chart again this quarter, but numbers keep going up. One of the most recent fatal accidents was a POV accident involving a Wisconsin Army National Guard Soldier going home from a drill weekend. This highlights the fact that accidents happen in all components of the Army and everyone must think SAFETY.

As of 19 Feb for FY 18:

There have been - 25 fatal POV Accidents (15 off-duty, 7 involving motorcycles)

- 6 military vehicle fatal accidents

- 4 fatalities involving weapons (and while this may seem a small number consider that there were only a total of 7 in all of FY17 and we have 7 more months in FY18)

FORT DEVENS RFTA SAFETY WEBPAGE UPGRADE

At long last the Safety portion of the Fort Devens homepage is finally getting updated!! Thanks to the technical efforts of the personnel here at Devens from the Network Enterprise Center (NEC) of the 21st Signal BDE the Safety page is becoming a much better source of safety information and answers for all users. To access the Safety page go to the Fort Devens Home Page and click on

“Safety” on the right-hand side and then click on the safety logo that appears. This will bring you to the Safety page and you can see specific Safety topic areas to select for information. Right now this includes:

- Risk Management
- Safety Links
- Safety Resources
- Accident Notification/Reports

Upcoming Topics will include

Seasonal Safety

Tactical Safety

Safety Training



PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE MAGAZINE

Some will be asking what does PS Magazine have to do with Safety? My simple reply is EVERYTHING! If you have not looked at PS in a while I highly encourage you to do so. There are several very important reasons why:

1st— PS magazine addresses Soldier activities that they do every time they perform their mission.

2d—Most of the articles

involve a caution, warning, or update on a standard procedure

3d—There is almost always an article that directly applies to safety.

The latest edition is no exception. Did you know that there is a new Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Card—DD Form 1380? It is recommended that this be a part of all Medics Bags and Combat

Lifesaver kits. Read page 52 of the February PS magazine for more information and be up to date

Check it out on-line at www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/pshome.cfm (or you can find the link at the Safety page on the Devens Homepage)



FIRST AID KITS

There are several important questions that come up for this topic. First and maybe most important is DO YOU HAVE THEM? In every workplace environment there should be a first aid kit available for all personnel. Once you got a YES to the first questions a second and maybe more important questions

is, “IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE KIT?” How many times have you looked in the office first aid kit needing a simple Band-Aid only to discover that the box is empty because someone took the last one? Annoying!! And then there is the final question that needs to be asked, “ARE THERE EXPIRED ITEMS IN THE KIT?”

Most kits contain items that expire. It is also annoying to try and treat someone or yourself only to find your trying to use an item that is years old.

Designate someone to check First Aid Kits on a regular (monthly or quarterly) basis and keep them ready for use.



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CONSUMER PRODUCT RECALLS

A number of products that are sold end up at some point being recalled for a variety of safety reasons. Many of these, if not most of them for all of us, are items that we have in our homes. A part of the Army Safety Program that does not get much attention at times is the Public, Family, Child, and Youth Off-Duty Recreation and Seasonal Safety Program. A long name for a program designed

to keep our loved-ones safe. Every Safety officer/ NCO, whether primary duty or AD-SO/CDSO, should periodically check out the Consumer Product Safety webpage to get a listing of recent and past product recalls and make this information available to all personnel. Present this topic at one of your staff calls or provide a hand out at a leader's meeting or post it on the Safety Bulletin Board

to keep everyone informed and aware.

The webpage is <https://www.cspc.gov/recall>.



SAFETY AWARDS (THIS IS A REPEAT ARTICLE)

This quarter we are going to focus on the Army Safety Excellence Streamer Award. There are several levels based on the size of the unit or organization; Company, Battalion, Brigade or Division.

Here are the requirements:

Company—12 months without a Class A or B accident and 100% of personnel completing the Risk Management course.

Battalion—Same as the Company with the addition of completing the Army Readiness Assessment Program survey.

Brigade— 12 months without a Class A or B accident in any of their units.

The approval authority is the O-6 or above level Commander for their units.

Make this a goal for your

organizations.

For more safety award information look at Chapter 6 of DA Pam 385-10 or contact the Fort Devens RFTA Safety Office.



COMMENTS/ FEEDBACK AND NEEDS

The Fort Devens RFTA Safety Office is here to help your unit with its safety program. Let us know what you need in the way of information, best practices or questions. In some cases we can point you in the right direction immediately. In others we will do the research for you and then get back with an answer or suggestion. There are many on-line courses that we can direct unit Safety Officers/ NCOs to that will help these key safety people become more knowledgeable in their duties.

Let us know how we can help.

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