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NEW FORT DEVENS RFTA SAFETY MANAGER

Mr. Steve Banks has reported for duty as the new installation safety manager at Fort Devens. Steve comes to Devens with over 25-years of experience in Active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard organizations. He has been involved in safety management at Company, Battalion, Brigade and Division level and has a wealth of knowledge in all the major safety program. Steve retired in 2010 and was working as an Air Force civilian until this opportunity at Fort Devens became available. He is excited to be back with the Army and working with all the units that use the training resources at Fort Devens.

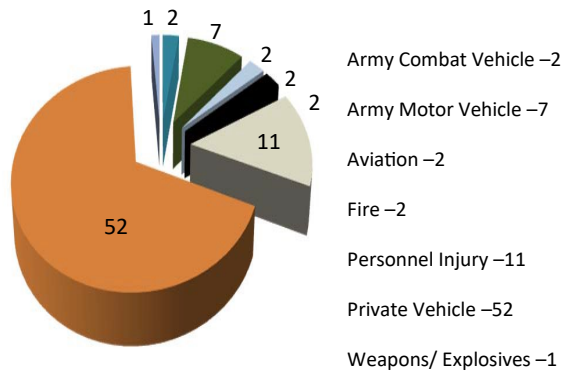
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 NONE

SAFETY TRENDS REPORT

FY17 ARMY ACCIDENT FATALITIES = 77



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- None

Overall, Army fatalities continue to rise as we approach the end of the FY. From the pie chart you can easily see where we as an Army have a problem. POV fatalities account for 67% of all deaths and most of these were off-duty accidents. Everyone needs to take POV driver safety seriously. Leaders, reinforce your drivers safety program so one of your soldiers does not become one of these statistics.

SAFETY AND YOUR EFFICIENCY REPORT

Did you know that safety is so important that it is a required topic on your efficiency report counseling form and on your final OER, NCOER and Civilian performance report? Raters and supervisors are you making sure safety is addressed as part of duty performance?

So what should be talked about and commented on in the safety area? Here are

some topics:

- Involvement in the Risk Management process
- Conduct of safety briefings
- Reporting of accidents
- Reporting of safety problems
- Safety awards
- Enforcement of safety policies

- Conduct or completion of safety training

And there are others but the point is as the regulations that govern this requirement state: we what to “establish accountability.” Keep this in mind as you do your next counseling or report.

Ref: AR 385-10, 1-5c (5) and AR 623-3, 3-5b (2)



SAFETY BULLETING BOARDS

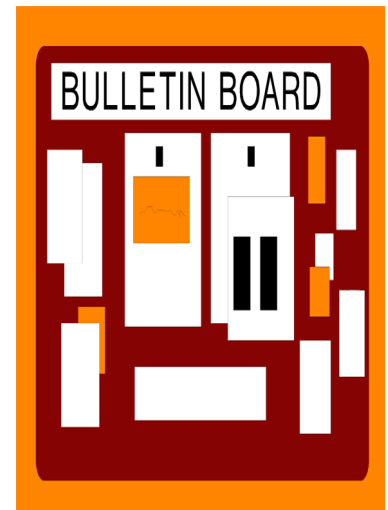
The Fort Devens RFTA Reg 385-10 requires units to ensure that safety information is available to every member of the unit. The recommended way of doing this is by having a Safety Bulletin Board. But, bulletin boards are only good if they have the needed information and are kept up-to-date and current.

So what should be posted on the Safety Board:

- ◆ Command Safety Philosophy
- ◆ Safety Officer Contact info
- ◆ Appointment memo for unit ADSO/CDSO
- ◆ Fort Devens Safety Advisory Council and latest meeting minutes

- ◆ DD For 2272
- ◆ Blank DA 4755
- ◆ Blank OSHA Form 301
- ◆ OSHA 300A
- ◆ Other Safety related information like this newsletter

Any questions on these items and more direct to the Fort Devens Safety Office



LIGHTNING SAFETY

It is that time of year when summer storms bring lightning. A quick review of actions in lightning situations and including them on your Risk Assessments and safety briefs can help prepare your soldiers for this type of event.

Lightning is the 2d leading cause of weather deaths in the US.

Here are some tips:

- Stay low—ditches and depressions are best
- Avoid vehicles that have canvas covers
- Take shelter under a small tree about 6 feet from the trunk

- Avoid lone trees and poles
- Avoid using radios, phones, or other electronics
- Remove MILES gear and lay your weapon down

Leaders develop a plan and keep soldiers informed.



RISK ASSESSMENT

It cannot be stressed enough—do a risk assessment as part of mission planning!!

Here are some key points:

- Get others involved—if the Safety Off/NCO is the only one completing the risk assessment you are not making the best use of the risk process. Who knows better about the risks in the motor

pool than people in the motor pool.

- Use the correct form: DA form 7566 is no longer current (actually since 2014). Make sure you are using DD Form 2977.
- Make sure the risk acceptance is done at the right level. Use Table 4 -1 of DA Pam 385-30 to have the right person

make the risk decision.

- Keep a file of the risk assessment you have done. Use then as the start point in the future. More than likely you will be conducting a road convoy again.

More questions?

- Take the Risk Management Basic course online
- Contact us (see pg 1)

SAFETY AWARDS

Did you know that your unit and individual soldiers can earn safety awards?

DA Pam 385-10 Chapter 6 outlines the awards and the requirements and submission process.

For example : The Army Accident Prevention Award of Accomplishment.

- ◆ Company to Installation size units are eligible.

- ◆ 12-months and a major training exercise without a Class A, B, or C accident .
- ◆ Initiated by the Commander or the Safety Officer

Is your unit eligible for this award? If not why not set a safety award as a unit goal for this year?



COMMENTS/ FEEDBACK AND NEEDS

The USAG Fort Devens 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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