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SAFETY MANAGER NOTES

As of 28 June, it will be 1-year since I took over the Safety responsibilities for Fort Devens. We have laid the ground work for continually improving the safety programs and for making Safety a central part of all our missions and tasks. But we still have a long way to go. Our busiest training time is starting. Many units will come to conduct field training. We will also have many of our Soldiers, civilian employees and their families heading out to enjoy the summer . Unfortunately this is also the time of year that we have many more accidents and mishaps. This means we need to step up safety efforts and increase our safety awareness, making SAFETY a part of all we do!!

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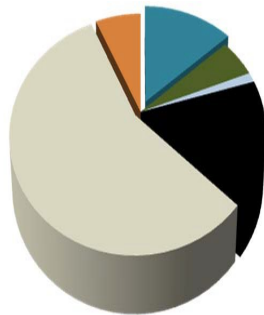
Fort Devens Safety Office:
 Upcoming Training:

- ◆ As part of National Safety Month we are offering several general safety training sessions during the week of 18-22 June.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- None

FY 2018 Army Military Mishap Fatalities as of 20 May 2018 = 73



- Private Motor Vehicle (PMV) - 41
- Personnel Injury Other (PIO) - 12
- Army Vehicle - 10
- Weapons & Explosives (WPNS & EXPL) - 5
- Aviation (AVN) - 4

All accident statistics for this year are above previous years. POV accidents continue to be the major problems for the military.

FORT DEVENS RFTA SAFETY WEBPAGE

This is a repeat article about the Safety Webpage. One of the most recent additions to the page is a training program with handouts for Heat Casualty Prevention. Check this out to make sure we start to prepare for hot weather activities. Also, the next major topic that will be added to the page will be Radiation Safety. I will be adding this after I return from Radiation Safety Course.

Keep in mind that if you have a question or need some help with a safety topic look here first. The website includes:

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

Consumer Safety

Coming soon—Tactical Safety



AMMUNITION SAFETY

The Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) at Fort Devens is a great operation. The personnel there are well trained and do a professional job. Much of this has come through ammunition safety training. But they are not the only ones who need to know about ammunition safety. Every unit that draws ammunition from the ASP, live or training ammunition, becomes responsible for that

ammunition once you sign for it and leave the ASP. There are some safety courses that unit personnel who will have an ammunition responsibility should take and they are all On-Line.

If you go to <http://www.dactces.org> and click on On-Line Training you can find a number of courses. We suggest at least taking the

following:

AMMO-45: Intro to Ammo

AMMO-63: Explosive Safety Familiarization

AMMO-108: Ammo Handlers

Commanders—make sure you are providing training to the Soldiers you designate to handle and work with Ammunition.



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NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

June is the month designated as National Safety Month. Many of you may have been in units that conducted a Safety Stand-down day or had other safety related activities or training during this time. We are planning to do the same thing at Fort Devens this year and I would encourage your units to think

about conducting a safety oriented event also. Some things to consider for this Safety Stand-Down:

Identify equipment and other items that are broken/ unserviceable or simply old and no longer used and turn them in. It is just a hazard waiting to happen. Clean out those supply closets and janitor

rooms and get them organized. Have a briefing about the unit warning signals and conduct an evacuation drill. Finally, conduct some of the annual safety training requirements like, safe lifting, safe ladder use, or HAZCOM training.

Let me know if you need some assistance.

NATIONAL
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HEAT SAFETY

Every year there are heat associated casualties in the Army, and some of them result in deaths. This is a tragedy that can and should be prevented. As mentioned in the safety webpage note, there is now a complete training program available for you to use and modify for Heat Casualty Prevention training (and by the way this training is a requirement!). Did you know that there are two cate-

gories of heat casualties? They are based on severity but also on what is a reportable casualty and what is not. Did you also know that it is possible for a person to overhydrate and become a reportable casualty (and that this could result in death)? Check out the training package to learn more and schedule this training NOW before your unit gets ready for hot weather training. One last

thing: acclimatization (getting used to the heat) is the start point for reducing heat casualties. Start Now!!



SAFETY AWARDS

This quarter we are not going to focus on a Safety award but on how safety can help you achieve other awards. How many of your units have a Mess Section that prepares your meals? There is an award program called the Connelly Award where mess sections compete on a variety of levels to determine who are the best mess sections in the Army. A big part of the competition is about safety in

mess operations and in sanitation safety. Unit safety personnel can assist the mess section by helping them identify the safety items and conducting safety inspections during operations.

There is a similar award for maintenance sections that includes safety requirements.

This is a great way for safety to get involved in all aspects of unit operations. Get with

your leadership and look at the requirements and set these and other award programs as goals for your unit. You may not be ready to compete immediately but you can start now.



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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