



Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY

Labor Day marks the traditional end of the summer season. Unfortunately, holidays and long holiday weekends also represent a high risk period for the careless or unprepared.

TRADOC has lost 13 Soldiers in fatal accidents this fiscal year. Motorcycle and POV accidents accounted for 10 of these fatalities. While this represents a significant improvement over past years' fatal accident experience, we must all continue to attack the causes of these accidents to prevent further loss. While you aggressively work to reduce the incidence of vehicle accidents, do not overlook the other special hazards associated with this period. Water-related activities, high temperatures, and outdoor recreation, coupled with increased alcohol consumption, increase the potential for accidents.

Start now to prepare our Soldiers and civilian employees for the holiday period. Visible command involvement and active participation of first-line leaders and supervisors can help reduce accidents, but buddies caring for buddies is more effective yet. Encourage Soldiers to use the buddy system when traveling off-post, and start early to check two levels down on holiday weekend accident prevention preparations and plans.

I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday weekend, but most of all, I want to ensure we do all we can to ensure everyone's safe return. Leader and individual involvement is the key to success; take control and make a difference. I expect your personal support and proactive approach.

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Nation need you!*


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