



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

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY

Labor Day is an annual tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. It also marks the traditional end of the summer season and a well-deserved holiday break for Soldiers and civilian employees.

During the extended holiday period surrounding Independence Day, TRADOC lost seven Soldiers due to accident. Four involved motorcycles and two involved privately owned vehicle accidents. I do not want to repeat that experience during this holiday period. I want you to get personally involved and use your chain of command to engage your junior leaders.

Safety briefings have become a tradition before holiday weekends, but for some it is just a “check the block” requirement. Our Soldiers deserve better. Your first-line supervisors and leaders need to address their Soldiers and civilian workers in a manner that is relevant. Using basic leadership skills, they need to identify their “at risk” population and intervene with appropriate action.

Use all available resources to increase safety awareness and to educate our Soldiers on the application of composite risk management in their off-duty activities. While leadership and command involvement are important factors in our accident prevention efforts, ultimately the decision to accept the risk lies with the individual Soldier. We need to ensure they are up to the task.

Victory Starts Here!

### LEADERSHIP--FORCE PROTECTION--SAFETY



  
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