



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

VETERANS DAY SAFETY

Not 24 hours into this new FY, TRADOC recorded its first accidental fatality. A Soldier operating a motorcycle died of his injuries when a car unexpectedly pulled into his path. While initial findings indicate the Soldier was not at fault, it is no less tragic for his family and the Army. Only 4 days later, two more TRADOC Soldiers lost their lives in a privately owned vehicle (POV) accident. With the Veterans Day holiday weekend approaching, I want commanders and leaders to ensure that every Soldier and civilian employee gets a safety briefing before departing on the long holiday weekend. Accidents are preventable.

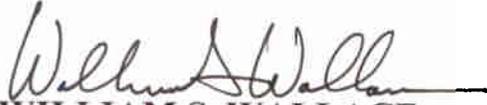
During FY 06, TRADOC lost 19 Soldiers in accidents. Of that number, 16 were POV accidents and 6 of those involved motorcycles. Analysis showed that five of the six tragedies were directly attributable to lack of discipline or noncompliance with standards, and four of those five involved Soldiers in the grade of staff sergeant or above. Further analysis revealed that excessive speed, driving under the influence, and failure to use seat belts continue as the leading causes of POV accidents. Lack of discipline and failure to follow standards are inconsistent with Army values and cannot be tolerated.

Aggressive and consistent command involvement will make the difference. I expect your personal commitment and that of your subordinate leaders to this effort. Together we will stop this trend.

Victory Starts Here!

LEADERSHIP--FORCE PROTECTION--SAFETY




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