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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Summer Safety Campaign 2011

1. Summer activities, travel, and the Texas heat present our leadership challenges to ensure Soldiers are prepared for their on and off duty activities. Privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents, to include motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, continue to be the number one killer of our Soldiers. Speed, alcohol, and failure to wear seat belts or helmets are major contributors to these fatalities. With increased summer travel and exposure to outdoor activities, personnel are susceptible to catastrophic accidents.
2. Soldiers planning trips beyond the local area will complete the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) (<https://safety.army.mil/>) assessment tool and submit it with their leave/pass request for their commander's review. Prior to Soldiers going on long trips, commanders should also inspect the Soldier's POV or motorcycle to verify it can safely complete the trip. Leaders must frequently remind Soldiers of safe driving practices such as driving sober, not exceeding the posted speed limit, avoiding fatigue, and wearing seat belts in POVs. Soldiers operating motorcycles will comply with Command Policy SAFETY-02, subject: III Corps and Fort Hood Command Motorcycle Safety Program.
3. Participation in water sports also presents a serious risk during the summer months with the possible dangers of drowning and spinal injury. Soldiers swimming beyond their capabilities or in unauthorized areas and diving head first in shallow waters have taken many lives and left several paralyzed in the past summers. Remind Soldiers not to mix alcohol with water activities, do not swim alone, in unauthorized areas, or when tired. Before attempting to operate a boat, Soldiers must complete the required boater's education for the state they are operating the boat within. In Texas, as in many other states, boaters caught operating a watercraft while intoxicated are subject to jail time and loss of their POV license.
4. Leaders will provide heat injury prevention training focusing on the need to maintain hydration and the impacts of alcohol as well as over-the-counter and weight loss drugs. Although many Soldiers have deployed to Iraq/Afghanistan where the temperatures are much higher, we still lose Soldiers to heat injuries. To prevent heat injuries, leaders should acclimatize Soldiers to warmer temperatures; wet bulb globes should be set up and monitored during normal operations and training, and adjustments made to the clothing worn and activities conducted. Ensure all requirements of OPORD PW 11-03-233, Heat Injury Prevention, Identification and Response, 1 Apr 11, are met. Technical

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Identification and Response, 1 Apr 11, are met. Technical Bulletin TB MED 507 Heat Stress Control and Heat Casualty Management and Fort Hood Regulation 350-16 Prevention of Heat and Cold Injury contain valuable information.

5. To make this a successful summer, leaders, especially first-line supervisors, must become aware of their Soldiers' off duty activities and closely monitor the plans of high risk Soldiers and those planning high risk activities. All Soldiers are encouraged to use the US Army Combat Readiness Center (<https://safety.army.mil/>), the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center Summer Safety Campaign website; <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/hipss/Pages/HealthInjuryPrevention.aspx>, and the appropriate state parks and wildlife website to obtain information on summer activities and summer hazards.

6. Ensure that this program is not a one-time event. To be effective, your summer safety campaign needs to be aggressively sustained throughout the summer months. Accident and injury prevention must be central to all summer activities, both on and off duty. We cannot afford the loss of a Soldier, Family Member, or civilian employee to a preventable injury. Now is the time to evaluate your summer safety initiatives and ensure all facets are in order.

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