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FROM THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

End of fiscal year reflection

The end of the fiscal year is here and to date, the Army has experienced a slight decrease in overall accidental fatalities (compared to FY15). However, in a few weeks, our final accident report reconciliation will portray a better picture of how we did, across the force. Although the total number of Soldier accident fatalities dropped from 108 to 110, the areas below show a marked increase, and should be of concern for all leaders:

- A 4 % increase in on duty fatalities
- A 38% increase in Army Motor Vehicle accident fatalities
- A 50% increase in Weapons and Explosive accident fatalities
- A 32% increase in PMV-2 (motorcycle) fatalities
- A 33% increase in Aviation fatalities

Recently, SMA Dailey sat with us to discuss the importance of leaders helping Soldiers understand and navigate on- and off-duty hazards through risk management and leader engagement:

<https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/VideoLibrary/VideoPlayer/Ta-bld/112/Videoid/330/SMA-Dailey-On-Army-Safety.aspx>.

The deadline for our annual HQDA Safety Award nominations is nearing; they're due 15 Dec. The annual GEICO-sponsored Military Service Award nominations are due to the USACRC by 1 Nov. For submission guidelines, visit <https://safety.army.mil/AWARDS.aspx>. Forward your award nomination packets to:

US Army Combat Readiness Center
Director of Army Safety
CSSP-PA / Awards Administrator
Bldg. 4905, Ruf Ave
Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5363

I've been on the job for seven months now and I've had the privilege of visiting several of you and your organizations. What I appreciate the most about the LDPs I've participated in are the frank discussion and collaboration. Many of you share your lessons learned and relay to me what the climate is at the squad, unit, battalion and brigade leader-levels. Likewise, I'm able to offer the USACRC's support to provide safety and risk management advice to preserve readiness through the prevention of accidental loss of our Soldiers, Civilians, Families and other vital resources. Reach out to me, as I'm willing and able to visit your organizations and talk about current loss prevention initiatives, accident trends and other safety- related topics.

A safe Army is a ready Army and your contributions to your Soldiers' well-being are evident, as illustrated in the downward trend of accidental losses. BG Farnsworth and I laud all that you do in the name of safety.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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