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Safe Summer: A Team Effort

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (May 1, 2009) -- The Army reinforces its commitment to protecting members of the Army Family with the launch of the Safe Summer 2009 campaign. This year, the annual campaign, which runs from May through September, will emphasize prevention and vigilance during the summer season, a time that the Army typically experiences an increase in off-duty accidental fatalities.

“Every member of our Army Family plays an important role in keeping our team safe, especially during high-risk summer activities,” said Brig. Gen. William Wolf, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center commanding general and director of Army Safety. “The goal of the Safe Summer 2009 campaign is to provide Soldiers, Army civilians and their Family members the information they need to manage risk and thereby decrease the chance of incidents, accidents and injuries.”

To achieve this important goal, the Army Safety Center has created a Safe Summer 2009 Campaign Web site containing posters, articles and videos relating to nearly 20 summer safety topics. The site, which will launch May 4, will allow officials at installations around the globe the opportunity to tailor their summer safety campaigns to meet the needs of their individual populations.

“The enemy ‘risk’ can be defeated, but it takes teamwork,” said USACR/Safety Center Command Sgt. Maj., Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell. “The team effort involves Leaders, Soldiers, Civilians and Families members both on and off duty, protecting our most precious resource and ensuring ‘no one stands alone’.”

Let’s enjoy the summer, but do it safely. For more information on the 2009 Safe Summer Campaign, visit <https://safety.army.mil> and look for the Safe Summer logo at the bottom of the Web page.

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