



“Raider” Safety Newsletter

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✓ **250 Days!** 250 days without a POV fatality on Fort Hood. But that ended on Friday, 13 February 2004. We had a great run without fatalities at Fort Hood. But, this is not a numbers game. It's about the lives and deaths of our Soldiers. The same Soldiers entrusted to us by the American people. Every Soldier that dies has a family. To include their Army family. The impact of losing a Soldier goes way beyond just the loss of that Soldier. There are friends, family, and unit morale. Then there are the costs involved medical, insurance, training a new Soldier to replace the one that died, just to list a few. These costs are immense. That same weekend, a total of three III Corps Soldiers died in POV accidents, one each at Fort Hood, Fort Carson and Fort Sill.



The “Raider” Brigade Combat Team (Rear Detachment) has been doing an excellent job. But we still need to redouble our efforts through proactive leader involvement. The pace is quickening. “Raiders” are returning home soon. They will be going through Reintegration



Training to get them focused back to this environment. Let’s help them make that transition a smooth one. Let’s welcome these Heroes back home to a proactive SAFETY environment. Start thinking about those POVs that have been sitting in storage for the better part of a year. Think about expired – driver license, insurance, vehicle registration, vehicle inspection, post sticker. How about attendance to DDC/MSFC for those that haven’t attended and as a refresher for those that have? What can we do to help them when they get back?



Preventing POV Accidents

- **Defensive Driving Course** (18-26 years old, regardless of rank, it’s mandatory)
- **Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course** (If you operate a motorcycle on or off post, it’s mandatory)



It doesn’t matter if your Soldier took any of these courses in the past. A refresher never hurt! At Fort Hood the number is 287-4639.

DODI 6055.4 -- Traffic Safety Program

✓ Safety Awareness Quiz

- 1) Do you routinely use the Risk Management Process in the tasks that you are accomplishing both on and off the job? *(If you apply the Risk Management Process all the time, give yourself 3 points. If you apply them most of the time, give yourself 2 points. Not very often, give yourself 1 point.)*
- 2) Do you wear personal protective gear when you work in potentially hazardous environments? *(If you answer yes, give yourself 1 point.)*
- 3) Do you wear safety goggles and earplugs when you mow the lawn? *(If yes, give yourself 1 point.)*
- 4) Do you always wear your bike helmet when riding? *(If yes, give yourself 1 point.)*
- 5) Do you wear eye protection and gloves when handling dangerous chemicals? *(If yes, give yourself 1 point.)*
- 6) Do you have your vehicle serviced at regular intervals as recommended by the owner's manual? *(If you answer always, give yourself 3 points. If you answer most of the time, you get 2 points. If you answer, "I put gas and oil in the car, what more do I need to do?" you get 1 point.)*
- 7) Do you have an emergency roadside kit in your car? *(If yes, give yourself 3 points.)*
- 8) Do you plan your long road trips not to exceed eight hours of driving time per day? *(If yes, give yourself 3 points. If you sometimes drive up to 10 hours, take 2 points. If you often exceed 10 hours, you get 1 point. If you drive over 12 hours, you simply "don't get the point.")*
- 9) While working on gas or electrical powered equipment, do you unplug the item or disconnect the spark plug? *(If always, give yourself 3 points. More often than not, take 2 points. Very rarely, take 1 point.)*
- 10) Do you read the directions before putting together any item that you have purchased, to include the safety operating instructions? *(If yes, give yourself 3 points.)*
- 11) Do you have smoke detectors in your home? *(If yes, give yourself 3 points.)*



12) Do you test your smoke detectors monthly? *(If yes, give yourself 3 points. If you check them about every six months, give yourself 2 points. If you check them about once a year, give yourself 1 point.)*

13) Do you have an emergency escape plan for your home in the event of fire or other potential disaster? *(If yes, give yourself 3 points.)*

14) If you are going to travel alone, do you leave an itinerary with family, a close friend, or a relative? *(If always, give yourself 3 points. If most of the time, you get 2 points. If sometimes, only give yourself 1 point.)*

15) Do you consider the “safety ratings” on things such as vehicles and other major items as a purchase consideration? *(If always, give yourself 3 points. If most of the time, you get 2 points. If sometimes, only give yourself 1 point.)*

Check Your Score

If you scored a perfect 37 points, you are a safety guru. Please come by the safety office to apply for a job right away!

If your score is 30-36, you are a safety star. I will never expect to read about you in the daily safety mishap summary.

If your score is 25-29, you are doing pretty well. However, there’s always room for improvement.

If your score is 15-25, you need to become more safety conscious. You are at increased risk for becoming involved in a mishap.

If your score is below 15, I recommend you buy more life insurance!



Be a part of the SOLUTION, not the PROBLEM!

✓ Fog, Rain, Snow, Ice, Construction. What's Next?

It's that time of the year. There will be lots of fog, rain, maybe more snow and even icy conditions. There is lots of construction in the Killeen / Fort Hood area. What's next?

It could be an accident!

We want to avoid that if possible. Here are a few things that may impact us here in Central Texas and what you can do to reduce your chances of being in an accident.

Fog: Turn on your headlights. Use fog lights if you have them. Avoid using high beams. You may be able to see well enough, but can other vehicles see you?

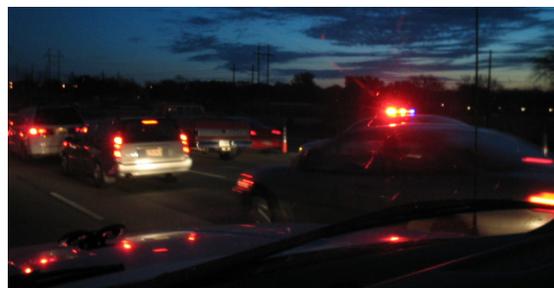


Rain: Turn on your headlights. Slow down. Be aware of flooding on the streets, hydroplaning if you run through it, large quantities of water splashing across your windshield and reduced visibility. Slow down!

Snow: We had our one-day a year snowfall that went away later that day. But it could come again. Drive slowly and allow for greater braking distances. Increase your distance from the car in front of you.

Ice: I think the Central Texas "Big Freeze" is still to come. We already had our one-day of snow, but not the "Big Freeze". If it comes, make sure you warm up your car before departing home. This includes defrosting your windshield and cleaning all the windows and mirrors so you can see where you are driving. Again, drive slowly and allow for greater braking distances. Increase your distance from the car in front of you. Don't drive unless you have to.

Construction: Both Killeen and Fort Hood have many areas under construction. Go through these areas slowly and be observant for construction workers. The underpass at Stan Schlueter Loop and 195 is a killer. They are currently upgrading this intersection and I recommend that you stay away from it during peak traffic hours.

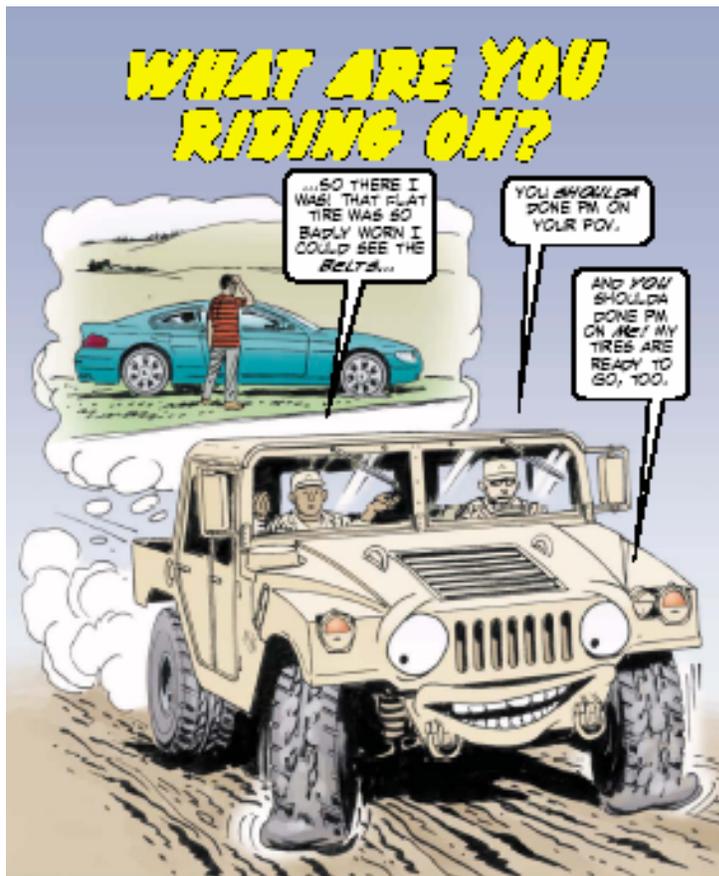


Drive defensively and always wear your seatbelt!

✓ PS Magazine Online! Checkout the March 2004 issue of PS Magazine.

<http://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/psonline.htm>

They always have great stuff that not only pertains to maintenance, but to **Safety**.



TIRE PM SAVES LIVES!

✓ Safety Is An Attitude

Coincident or Not ?

If,

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Equals,

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then,

$$K + N + O + W + L + E + D + G + E \\ 11 + 14 + 15 + 23 + 12 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 = 96\%$$

$$H + A + R + D + W + O + R + K \\ 8 + 1 + 18 + 4 + 23 + 15 + 18 + 11 = 98\%$$

Both are important, but the total falls just short of 100%

But,

$$A + T + T + I + T + U + D + E \\ 1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 5 = 100\%$$

**Safety really is about attitude.
Make 100% Safe Behavior your choice, both ON and OFF duty**

Safety is not something you can take or leave alone. It is not an activity in which you participate only when you are being watched or supervised. Safety is not posters, slogans or rules, nor is it movies, meetings, investigations or inspections. Safety is an attitude, a frame of mind. It is the awareness of your environment and actions, all day, everyday. Safety is knowing what is going on; knowing what can injure anyone or anything; knowing how to prevent that injury and then acting to prevent it. To do this does not require genius, a Ph.D., or even a title or rank. All it requires is intelligence and the ability to see, to hear, to smell and to think. To ignore safe practices does not indicate bravery only foolishness. To do things safely and correctly is the mark of a wise person.

SAFETY IS AN ATTITUDE

✓ Countermeasures: Army Ground Risk-Management Information

February 2004 Online now!

This month's issue contains articles such as –

- **DASAF's Corner** - Think Outside the Slot — Expand Our Peripheral Vision
- Zapped and Zinged
- From Slick to Schlep in One Easy Lesson
- A Wild Truck Ride!
- Can Concertina Wire Really Destroy a HMMWV?
- A Leap Into the Twilight Zone
- Here's Joey!
- How Close is Too Close?
- **ARAS** - Accident Reporting Made Easy
- The "Write" Stuff
- Accident Briefs
- **Countermeasure** - Readership Survey



How about that website! → <http://safety.army.mil/home.html>

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✓ **Safety Tip!** Have your Soldiers attend the Defensive Driving Course and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course here on Fort Hood. For more info call 287-4639.