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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Task Force Ironhorse Leaders and Soldiers

SUBJECT: Reintegration and Summer Safety Campaign

1. We will soon begin our march home to rejoin our families and celebrate your accomplishments of the past year. Our soldiers have brilliantly performed some of the toughest missions in theater. They have captured Saddam Hussein and brought security to the Iraqi people. However, our mission is not complete until everyone is home and reintegrated safely. Each soldier must remain focused and maintain their situational awareness, not only for the return trip, but also throughout the summer following our return. Now is not the time to relax our safety focus.

2. Upon returning to home station, soldiers may let down their guard against the common hazards. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the 101 days of summer is historically a time when we've experienced accidents. The Reintegration and Summer Safety Campaign was developed to help leaders, soldiers, and family members successfully conduct reintegration and summer activities without an accident. It is critical that personnel remain focused and maintain awareness of potential hazards. During well-deserved leave and travel, as well as during summer recreational activities, there is an elevated the threat of accidents. Commanders and leaders must place renewed emphasis on accident prevention to avert a surge in injuries and deaths.

3. Leadership is the key to accident prevention. As with any other mission, the NCOs and first line supervisors are best suited to make an immediate and direct impact on soldiers. For this reason, it is necessary that commanders empower and hold responsible junior leaders as the "point" of the Ironhorse Reintegration and Summer Safety Campaign. Every year the Army loses soldiers to accidents involving POVs, watersports, and alcohol. I do not want to lose a Task Force soldier for any reason, thus instituted policies to protect our soldiers. These requirements are not an option.

4. I expect leaders to take appropriate actions to protect our soldiers. You must do everything in your power to ensure that every soldier is aware of the hazards that await them following redeployment. You must ensure they understand and can apply appropriate risk control measures to reduce or eliminate those hazards.

a. Leaders and soldiers will read and apply the POV accident prevention tools in the POV Risk Management Toolbox and the Reintegration/Summer Safety Campaign.

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b. Leaders will discuss the following issues with soldiers prior to leave or release from duty:

- 1) POV safety (seat belt use, drinking and driving, travel planning, defensive driving techniques, speed, fatigue, aggressive driving and road rage, motorcycle safety--including requirements for training and protective equipment)
- 2) Water safety
- 3) Substance use/abuse
- 4) Other specific summer hazards identified in the campaign.

5. Every leader in the chain-of-command must continually and aggressively enforce standards and discipline, and use all available tools to protect our soldiers. We must commit to ensuring they are trained and equipped to combat the hazards they will face upon their return home. Moreover, I expect soldiers to act and perform responsibly.

6. Information and tools regarding the Reintegration and Summer Safety Campaign and POV safety can be found on the 4ID Hood web page and on the DCTS.

7. Point of contact for this memorandum is the Division Safety office @ DNVT 534-9922, or 4ID\_DIV\_SAFETY@id4.army.smil.mil

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