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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USANATO 2004/2005 Winter Safety Campaign

1. Reference USAREUR Memorandum, AEAGA, Subject: USAREUR 2004-2005 Winter Safety Campaign, 23 Aug 04.
2. This memorandum outlines the USANATO Winter Safety Campaign. This campaign will run from 1 October 2004 to 30 April 2005.
3. The campaign's purpose is to provide a comprehensive, proactive means of identifying winter ground and off-duty hazards and risks, implement and monitor risk-mitigation measures to ensure the safety of personnel, and to achieve the overarching, command-wide goal of ensuring no loss of life and minimal injuries during the winter season.
4. The goal of this program will be to ensure that knowledgeable, dedicated leaders and soldiers are effectively trained and ready to prevent winter-related accidents and injuries, both on and off duty. This program addresses cold weather injury prevention, fire safety, privately owned vehicle (POV) safety, winter recreation safety, and related hazards affecting the family and community (i.e. running, sports, traffic, wellness). The effectiveness of the campaign depends on the successful accomplishment of these key elements:
 - a. Publishing and distribution of safety-campaign articles and materials that are coordinated with American Forces Network (AFN) and print media for maximum distribution down to the soldier and family member level.
 - b. Accident data, sick calls, incident report, and other available resources must be reviewed to identify accident prevention targets and additional prevention training needs.
 - c. Winter weather in Europe can vary greatly and change quickly. Ensure that soldiers know how to obtain timely weather and road-condition information.
 - d. Leaders and soldiers will be trained to make the risk management process integral to the planning and execution for both on and off duty activities. Risk management training must address risk identification and the mitigation of winter hazards.

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e. POV and motorcycle training for newly arrived personnel and those returning from deployment as part of the reintegration process. Training that stresses the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, prescription medication, or alcohol and driving while fatigued.

f. Review planned events for winter recreational activities to ensure cold weather risk management is applied and appropriate controls are in place. Provide effective safety training to include information snow and ice removal, hazard recognition, and preventive measures. Reminders on preparing for sports and recreation activities such as skiing, snowboarding, hunting, sledding, ice skating, hiking, and winter camping by taking advantage of training programs offered.

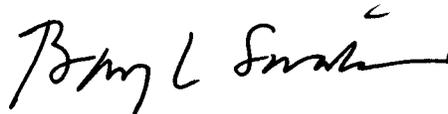
g. Providing wellness issues training to include suicide prevention, alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, and carbon monoxide poisoning.

5. The reporting procedures and suspense outlined in the attached enclosures will be adhered to.

6. I need the complete commitment of commanders in the effort to prevent accidents this winter. We must be aggressive in giving the campaign priority over other competing issues. The entire chain of command must be engaged. Commanders at all levels are responsible for the safety of their personnel. Together we can make this a safe and enjoyable winter for all our soldiers, civilians, and family members. Nothing we do as leaders warrant the unnecessary risk of life. Safety will be a primary concern of commanders and leaders during all activities in which our personnel are involved.

7. Report and investigate all accidents IAW Army Europe Reg. 385-40. Reports will be made through the chain of command as applicable to the USANATO safety manager by the most expeditious means available.

8. Point of contact is the Brigade Safety Manager, ATTN: ACDP-POAD, DSN 423-5343.



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Colonel, AG

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1. USANATO Winter Safety Campaign
2. Winter Safety Campaign Timeline
3. Winter Safety Campaign Reporting Procedures
4. Winter Safety Campaign Timeline Status Charts

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