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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: National Training Center and Fort Irwin Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Safety Message

1. Our nation will observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 21st of January. This holiday allows us time to celebrate and commemorate the life and achievements of this great American. Although many of us will be working this holiday, training Soldiers for combat, it is great opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to safety.
2. As the winter season continues, the risk of accidents remains high. This time of year the early symptoms of hypothermia and carbon monoxide poisoning are often confused with fatigue until it is too late. It is critical that Supervisors at all levels use risk management to identify potential hazards and establish controls to ensure the safety of subordinates.
3. Across the Army this fiscal year we have already lost 30 Soldiers to accidents. Over half of those fatalities involved privately owned vehicles. Hazards this time of year include changing road conditions due to wind, ice, rain; fatigue; and excessive speed. You can prevent accidents by driving defensively, wearing your seat belt, and checking your vehicle to make sure it is in safe operating condition before you begin your journey.
4. I remind you our safety goal this year is, "No Fatal mishaps Caused by Indiscipline". These mishaps involve deaths where the standard is known, but not followed. As we begin yet another fast paced year, I challenge you to do your part in attaining this goal. Through our continued focus and diligence, we can keep our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families safe from preventable accidents. Thank you once again for all your hard work in support of our Nation, Army, and Fort Irwin.

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