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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum # 06-01, Command Safety Policy

1. Safety is a leadership issue and a commander's program. It is a requirement for all unit commanders and senior noncommissioned officers to complete the Commander's Safety Course on-line (<https://crc.army.mil/home/>). The safety of our patients, visitors, civilian and contract employees, and Soldiers is of primary concern to prevent accidents and injuries. I expect each commissioned and noncommissioned officer and civilian supervisor to adopt a leadership role in the safety program. Strong leadership at all levels, attention to standards, and integration of risk management into all of our activities are critical to successful mission accomplishment. The NARMC Safety program goals do not exist separately from, but are tied directly to, our health care mission goals.
2. Safety performance is an appropriate element that must be integrated into all employees' rating elements. This integration includes both Soldiers and civilian employees and it begins with day-to-day processes at the lowest levels. It continues upward through the planning and programming processes at the highest levels of leadership. Safety behaviors of Soldiers will always continue to be a direct reflection of our influence and leadership.
3. Train personnel to standards. To minimize accidents, leaders should prepare their personnel well in advance of holiday weekends and leaves. Commanders must ensure that all Soldiers and civilian personnel are briefed on the risks associated with holiday traveling. The Director of Army Safety has developed a model Privately Owned Vehicle Safety program called the Six Point Program. This program defines for commanders and supervisors the minimum standards required by the Army Combat Readiness Center. The six points are Command Emphasis, Discipline, Composite Risk Management, Standards, Provide Alternatives, and a Commander's Assessment for each POV accident that included a fatality or serious injury. All military personnel under 26 years of age who possess a driver's license shall be given a minimum of four hours of classroom instruction in traffic safety.
4. Comply with accident reporting procedures. Brief any deaths resulting from accidents to the first general officer in their chain of command using the TRADOC format available from your unit safety manager. Ensure that you provide accurate and timely information immediately. These actions will allow us to continue to provide health care in a safe environment. We must strive to improve our safety standards by using the Army Safety and Occupational Health Plan.

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GEORGE W. WEIGHTMAN
Major General, MC
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