

Fort Campbell's "Project Beware"

What is it?

Mission: The Fort Campbell, Kentucky Command Safety Office and a team consisting of range personnel, public information officers, law enforcement personnel, and explosive ordnance disposal experts (bomb squad) developed "Project Beware" to alert and educate the local military and civilian personnel to the dangers of unexploded ordnance or "UXO." UXO can often be found in Fort Campbell's impact areas and some have been discovered off the installation as well. Some of these "UXO" can explode just by getting close to them.

Problem: The public, especially young children, are not as aware as they should be of the dangers of unexploded ordnance. The maiming and almost blinding of a Stewart County teenager in 1989, when he and his brother wandered onto a range impact area despite warning signs, should remind all of us of the importance of effectively disseminating this information so that this type of accident never happens again.

Goal: To create an effective awareness program of unexploded ordnance dangers throughout Fort Campbell and it's surrounding communities, specifically to every school and classroom, so as to prevent, as much as humanly possible, accidental explosives accidents.

Program: Each school year, educate school children in the Fort Campbell and surrounding communities through:

- A publicity campaign of news releases and public service announcements.
- A 30 minute presentation in the form of a teacher's guide:
 - Through Fort Campbell's school liaison, a copy of the program and video will be provided to the superintendents and principals of each school in the surrounding counties.
 - One copy each is maintained at the Command Safety Office, the Military Police and 717th Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company.
 - Contains lesson plan, 8 min video entitled "Duds: It Can't Hurt Me," slides/handouts, warning posters, and a brochure.
 - Fort Campbell's School Liaison Officer, (270) 798-9874, can schedule requests for EOD or Military Police personnel to present "Project Beware" to large audiences.

After Action Follow-up:

- Each Instructor's Guide contains a sign-out record asking teachers to document the number of students who receive this training. Teachers should also maintain a by-name list of students that are taught.
- At the end of the school year, the Command Safety Office, with assistance from the school liaison officer, will survey the school districts for implementation of the program inviting feedback for improvement.
- An After Action Review will determine the effectiveness of the program in reaching our crucial and significant goal to reach every school and classroom, so as to prevent, as much as humanly possible, accidental explosives accidents.

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