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Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

MOTORCYCLE AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Last year TRADOC lost eight Soldiers in motorcycle accidents. Six of these fatal accidents occurred in the May to July timeframe. I do not want to repeat last year's experience.


Commanders/commandants will take immediate action to reach our Soldiers and DOD civilians who ride, or plan to ride, motorcycles or ATVs. As a minimum, accomplish the following actions before 15 April 2008 and brief them to me during the March TRADOC Executive Safety Council.

- Identify all Soldiers and DOD civilians who own, operate, or plan to operate a motorcycle or ATV and:
 - Ensure that each Soldier has completed a TRADOC motorcycle or ATV operator agreement. Reference TRADOC Regulation 385-2, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Safety Program, 19 December 2007.
 - Ensure Soldiers are educated and understand their responsibility to report driving offenses.
 - In coordination with your local provost marshal and staff judge advocate, review available driving records of motorcycle and ATV operators to identify unsafe driving behavior. Remind those individuals identified as demonstrating unsafe driving behavior of their responsibility to practice safe vehicle operation both on and off post.
 - Ensure all motorcycle and ATV operators are properly licensed and have completed the appropriate training.
- Provide a mandatory motorcycle and ATV safety refresher course of at least 1 hour in duration to review basic legal and regulatory requirements, personal protective equipment requirements, and local driving hazards.
- Ensure Soldiers and DOD civilians are aware of your installation's Motorcycle Mentorship Program.

Your engaged leadership will make the difference. Get your team together to make this happen and let's stop this needless loss of life.

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