



Safety Consciousness

Summertime is dwindling and before we know it, we'll have cold weather conditions to contend with. In preparation for the upcoming seasonal change, our Autumn/Winter safety campaign products are available; visit <https://safety.army.mil/.../Seasonal.../AutumnWinter2016-17.aspx> for articles, posters and videos themed on seasonal topics to augment your existing safety programs. Topics include pedestrian safety, cold injury prevention, fire prevention, personally owned weapons, private motor vehicles and more. All products are easily downloadable and ready to use in whatever format you prefer.

September is National Preparedness Month and during this observance people are reminded to take action throughout the year to prepare for emergencies that can affect them where they live and work. A fantastic resource for preparedness is <https://www.ready.gov/september>. I urge you to look at their products and incorporate some of them into your training when appropriate.

Recently, one of our Knowledge Magazine articles received a lot of attention. 'A Deadly Day on the Range' <https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/Knowledge/TabId/97/ArtMID/478/ArticleID/512/A-Deadly-Day-on-the-Range.aspx> was shared via several social media platforms and the conversations that ensued were interesting. Here are some excerpts:

"number 1 rule, NEVER point a weapon at something you do not want to destroy! rule 2 ALWAYS clear your weapon, remember it is always loaded! This is sad that this soldier had to give the ultimate sacrifice to our country this way."

"So preventable, so sad. This is the worst possible 'teachable moment'."

Accidents have detrimental effects on the morale and welfare of units. As senior leaders, we need to remain steadfast in our commitment of raising safety awareness in effort to reinforce readiness down to the lowest level.

Your actions as engaged leaders are indicative of your professionalism. BG Farnsworth and I commend you on your service to this great nation, your Soldiers and yourselves.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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