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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Labor Day Safety Message

1. Labor Day weekend is a time to celebrate the contributions American workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. It is also the last of the Summer Holiday Weekends. The additional holiday traffic and recreation activities will increase the risk of accidents. Let's use comprehensive risk assessments and countermeasures to help prevent on and off-duty accidents this Labor Day.

2. Commanders must ensure that everyone understands the risks. Historically vehicle accidents are the number one cause of injuries and fatalities during summer holidays. The following prevention programs can help you to identify and reduce safety hazards:

a. Oak Tree Counseling. Junior leaders are in the best position to talk to Soldiers about safety. These leaders will ask their Soldiers to provide specific information about their leave plans, jointly assess risks with their Soldiers, and have Soldiers agree to take specific measures to ensure their safe return. This meeting is necessary regardless of the Soldier's destination, transportation arrangements or planned activities. NCOs will not allow Soldiers to depart on leave or pass until they are fully satisfied with the Soldiers "contract".

b. Safety Briefings. Commanders will conduct safety briefings prior to the holiday. Commanders should stress: driving precautions in heavy traffic, the hazards of drinking and driving, proper use of seat belts and child restraint devices, protective clothing and equipment for motorcyclists, and water safety.

3. We should all take time to enjoy this weekend with family and friends, but doing so in a safe manner. Let's work together to protect our most valuable resources: America's soldiers, civilians, and their families.

4. "Nobody Works Harder or Safer - Sustaining the Line!"



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