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SUBJECT: Training Year 22 Annual Training (AT) Safety Message

1. References:

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 24 February 2017.
- b. AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program, 17 September 2019.
- c. NG Supplement Number 1 to AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 12 February 2015.
- d. ATP 5-19, Risk Management, 9 November 2021.
- e. FY21 Annual Assessment of the Army Safety Program.

2. The safety of our Soldiers remains my highest priority. Leaders must continue to balance the high operations tempo with the risks involved in military operations. Implementing Risk Management procedures at all phases is critical. All Soldiers must foster a culture of safety to protect personnel and equipment.

3. According to the FY21 Annual Assessment of the Army Safety Program, the Army experienced its lowest number of on-duty mishap fatalities (18) in Fiscal Year 2021. Off-duty mishaps remained the number one safety-related cause of death. Private motor vehicle accidents were the primary reason for the nearly 15% fatality increase from FY20, taking the lives of 86 Soldiers.

4. I cannot stress enough how vital it is for Commanders to have an effective driver's training program. According to the U.S. Combat Readiness Center, 20% of Soldiers entering the Army each year do so without a civilian driver's license. As a result, it is not surprising that a Soldier's first driving experience after completing unit driver training program will likely be in a tactical system. Driver's training programs must include progressive certification of the circumstances we expect drivers to operate in during combat and collective training such as in cross country and serial movements over extended distances. Enforcement of basic standards is also essential.

5. Commanders must ensure that the selection, training and licensing of military drivers is occurring IAW applicable regulations. Recovery operations must be conducted by qualified Soldiers with the H8 ASI noted on their military license. The enclosed NYARNG AMV Operations Policy provides more detailed guidance on convoy operations.


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6. Range safety practices must be adhered to. Soldiers, regardless of their experience, must undergo re-familiarization training and Primary Marksmanship Instruction prior to training on a live-fire range. Range Safety Officers and Leaders must vigilantly enforce muzzle-awareness and range clearing procedures to prevent negligent discharges. Range Control guidelines must be followed so that the proper weapon-system is used on the correct range.

7. All training events will have medical evacuation plans prepared, which include the use of medics and Combat Life Savers Leaders must be watchful for indications of heat illnesses and heat injuries.

8. Risk Management procedures will be used throughout the entire planning – execution process. Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheets, DD Form 2977s, will be utilized to identify risks associated with activities and steps taken to reduce or eliminate threats. The NYARNG Soldiers must maintain discipline and adhere to established standards, regulations, and policies. Leaders are responsible for the safety of their Soldiers.



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