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MEMORANDUM FOR USAG Fort Bliss Personnel, Fort Bliss, TX 79916

SUBJECT: Christmas and New Year's Holiday Safety Message

1. During the months of December and January, we will celebrate two of three very significant holidays, Christmas and New Year's. Many of us will be joining Families and friends in celebration on military installations as well as in the civilian communities across our country. Everyone should enjoy these holidays, however increased travel and off-post recreational activities have a higher than normal accident potential.

2. To guard against accidents, leaders should ensure that their personnel are briefed on accident avoidance prior to each of these holidays. The briefings, as a minimum, should include –

a. Motor Vehicle Safety. Motor vehicles account for the greatest number of holiday accidents. Driving under the influence of intoxicants, excessive speed, following too closely, and failure to yield the right of way are major causes of accidents. Defensive driving must be stressed to our military members, Civilian personnel and Family members during the upcoming holidays. Don't drink and drive. Alcohol related crashes, are the number one cause of preventable traffic fatalities.

b. Conscientious use of seatbelts for all vehicle occupants both front and rear.

c. Reduction of driving speeds when encountering conditions such as ice, wildlife or wet roads.

d. Use of the buddy system. Every Soldier, Civilian, and Family member must look out for one another.

3. On behalf of the Garrison CSM and entire USAG Fort Bliss Headquarters Staff, I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year's Holiday weekend.

4. POC for this memorandum is USAG-Fort Bliss Safety Office 568-7819.

  
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Commanding