

HQ, Eighth Army
Yongsan, Korea
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8A OPORD 15-02-20-02 (FY15 Spring and Summer Safety Campaign)

References:

- (a) AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 27 NOV 13.
- (b) AK Regulation 385-10, Eighth Army Safety Program, 01 OCT 10.
- (c) USFK FY15 Spring and Summer Safety Campaign Memorandum (TBP).
- (d) 8A OPORD 14-09-18-01 (8A Safety Program – Status Reporting).

Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD: INDIA.

Task Organization: No Change.

1. Situation. The 8A Commander's safety goals and objectives are to protect the safety, health, and welfare of 8A through an effective accident prevention plan. The FY15 Spring and Summer Safety Campaign continues to build on these efforts and introduces new initiatives. All 8A commanders and supervisors integrate the requirements of this campaign into their daily operations using risk management (RM) as part of the planning process. The objective of this campaign is to ensure that Soldiers and Civilians are trained and ready to prevent spring and summer accidents on and off duty.

2. Mission. 8A executes the Spring and Summer Safety Campaign on the Korean peninsula from 01 APR 15 to 30 SEP 15 IOT prevent injuries and accidents related to activities during the spring and summer seasons.

3. Execution.

a. Commander's Intent. Purpose: To prevent injuries and accidents during the spring and summer seasons.

Key Tasks:

- (1) Develop a spring and summer safety program at all levels.

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(2) Apply RM to all spring and summer activities, on and off duty.

End state: 8A prevents spring and summer accidents and injuries, both on and off duty.

b. Concept of Operations. Commanders and supervisors implement the FY15 Spring and Summer Safety Campaign and emphasize the integration of RM into all daily operations. Leaders enforce regulations and standard operating procedures to ensure Soldiers and Civilians understand the accidents that are typical of the spring and summer seasons.

c. Tasks to Subordinate Units and 8A Staff.

(1) 65 MED.

(a) Provide heat injury prevention training information through public affairs channels, fact sheets, and other means.

(b) Ensure that preventive medicine offices provide heat-stress consultation services to all units.

(c) Upon request, assist installation commanders in establishing local off limits areas for water sports.

(d) Preventive medicine provides surveillance of areas with identified incidents of vector-borne and pathogenic illnesses.

(2) IMCOM-P Garrisons.

(a) Review garrison severe weather plans and ensure that contingency plans are fully coordinated with tenant activities.

(b) Review risk assessments of community and training events planned for the spring and summer to identify seasonal hazards and enact control measures.

(c) Update and publish local road and severe weather conditions on available PAO and social media sources.

(3) PAO. Publish safety campaign information in various media.

(4) Surgeon.

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(a) Monitor and track hot weather injuries, vector and pathogenic injuries, and trends throughout this seasonal safety campaign.

(b) Update and publish seasonal trends and bulletins to alert 8A personnel of the hazards associated with this seasonal safety campaign as required.

(5) Chaplain. Provide guidance, information, and resources for suicide prevention and other wellness-related assistance to MSCs upon request.

(6) Command Safety Office.

(a) Serve as the OPR for the Spring and Summer Safety Campaign.

(b) Coordinate, advise, and assist MSCs on all matters pertaining to the campaign.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) MSCs develop a spring and summer safety program NLT 15 APR 15. Programs include deliberate risk assessments identifying control measures for spring and summer season hazards based upon an analysis of accident trends from previous spring and summer seasons. Programs should highlight the prevention of hot weather accidents/injuries during field training, physical training, vehicle operations, vacationing, recreational activities, and home safety.

(2) Address the below safety training and topics in MSC's campaign plan.

(a) Hot weather injury prevention and treatment techniques. Implement hands-on training in the use of ice sheets. All personnel receive training on hot weather accident prevention measures NLT 01 JUN 15. Personnel arriving into the unit after training receive the training as part of their safety in-brief/orientation within 10 days of arrival. Maintain training records on file for two years.

(b) Motor vehicle safety. Road and adverse weather conditions can make travel extremely hazardous during the spring and summer months in Korea. Leaders are responsible for ensuring their personnel have the technical skills required to safely operate motor vehicles under hot weather conditions. All government and privately owned vehicle operators receive this training NLT 01 JUN 15. The training/orientation program includes a review of Korea's unique driving hazards, particularly during the monsoon season; cellular phone use; and seatbelt requirements. Motor vehicle training also includes Travel Risk Planning System (*TRiPS*) risk assessment requirements.

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(c) Motorcycle safety. Commanders identify motorcycle operators and ensure that they participate in the Motorcycle Safety Foundation training. Commanders participate in advanced POM courses and administer POM mentorship programs. The POM mentorship program should include motorcycle refresher training for Soldiers departing for mid-tour leave or PCS back to CONUS.

(d) Pedestrian safety. Leaders address the hazards associated with wet roadways. Pedestrian accidents often involve off-duty personnel failing to use crosswalks. Alcohol is a contributing factor in pedestrian-related accidents. Use of reflective vests and/or belts by pedestrians is highly encouraged during hours of reduced visibility.

(e) Spring and summer recreational activities and sports. Popular recreational activities in Korea include biking, hiking, and swimming. Personnel should prepare physically for these activities and take advantage of the excellent spring and summer sports areas available on the Korean economy or through Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR). While biking, 8A personnel are encouraged to use established bike paths.

(f) Yellow dust. In sufficient concentration, these fine particles can obscure visibility and irritate soft tissues in the eyes, nose, mouth, and throat. The high concentration of minerals and other pollutants can cause or exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular problems.

(g) Home safety. Commanders address accidents and injuries often occurring at home. Spring and summer weather training must include an understanding of the importance of home safety, rehearsing emergency plans, and performing smoke and carbon monoxide detector function tests.

(h) Weapons Safety. Unintended/negligent discharges are preventable, but they continue to occur at an alarming rate. Soldiers receive training on appropriate standards and leaders enforce standards for weapons safety and clearing procedures.

(i) Spring and summer weather preparedness. Spring and summer is the rainy season in Korea. Commanders review Garrison destructive weather plans to identify areas prone for flooding and employ sandbags as appropriate.

(j) Resiliency and Wellness.

1. Suicide prevention. Leaders must develop preventive measures that include educating personnel. Suicide prevention and other wellness issue resources are available through the unit chaplain. The Soldier Leader Risk Reduction Tool-Korea (SLRRT-K) is the primary method of identifying at-risk Soldiers and referring them for appropriate assistance through the Community Health Promotion Council.

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2. Alcohol and substance abuse. Commanders educate Soldiers about drugs, alcohol, and the potential consequences of use and/or abuse. Leaders must remain aggressive in preventing alcohol and substance abuse. Army Substance Abuse Program staff are available to assist commanders in providing alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, education, and deterrence.

(3) An electronic version of the Spring and Summer Safety Campaign is located on the 8A Safety website at <http://safety.korea.army.mil/home/summercampaign.asp>. The link contains downloadable training material.

(4) Train all personnel on spring and summer accident prevention NLT 01 JUN 15 and report the status of training NLT 15 JUN 15 using the safety program status report IAW Reference D.

(5) Commanders or supervisors must conduct pre-holiday safety briefings as indicated below.

(a) Memorial Day Weekend/Training Holiday – NLT 22 MAY 15.

(b) Independence Day Weekend/Training Holiday – NLT 03 JUL 15.

(c) Labor Day Weekend/Training Holiday – NLT 07 SEP 15.

(6) MSCs brief the program's effectiveness and discuss lessons learned during the first 8A semiannual safety council in FY16.

(7) DIRLAUTH with 8A CSO.

4. Sustainment. None

5. Command and Signal. POC at the 8A Safety Office is Mr. Robert Hamaker, 8A Safety Manager, at DSN: 723-6616 or robert.hamaker.civ@mail.mil.

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