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MSGID/GENADMIN/COMNAVSAFECEN/40/APR//

SUBJ/SECOND QUARTER FY09 SUMMARY OF TRAINING-RELATED

/MISHAPS// REF/A/DESC:DOC/CNO/18NOV2004//

REF/B/DESC:DOC/CNO/30JUL2004// REF/C/DESC:DOC/CNO/07JAN2005//

NARR/REF A IS OPNAVINST 1500.75A; SAFETY POLICY AND

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING HIGH-RISK TRAINING. REF B IS

OPNAVINST 3500.39B; OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT(ORM). REF C

IS OPNAVINST 5102.1D/MCO P5102.1B MISHAP AND SAFETY

INVESTIGATION, REPORTING AND RECORD KEEPING MANUAL//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. MISSION SUCCESS OFTEN DEPENDS DIRECTLY ON HOW WELL WE TRAIN PERSONNEL. ONE UNEXPECTED CONDITION MAY RESULT IN A MISHAP. THE BEST OF ALL PLANS STILL CONTAINS SOME RISK. LEADERS MUST STRIVE TO TEACH JUDGMENT ALONG WITH THOSE ABSOLUTE OPERATIONAL SKILL ELEMENTS. THE INTENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO HIGHLIGHT INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING SECOND QUARTER FY

2009 TRAINING EVENTS AND PROVIDES COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND SAFETY MANAGERS WITH AWARENESS TO ENABLE THE PREVENTION OF THESE KINDS OF MISHAPS. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION WITHIN THE TRAINING COMMUNITIES FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

2. DURING SECOND QTR FY09 136 TRAINING-RELATED MISHAPS WERE REPORTED IN WESS. 53% (72) OF THESE INJURIES WERE RELATED TO STRENUOUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND TRAINING EVENTS WHERE PHYSICAL CONTACT BETWEEN TRAINEES AND/OR INSTRUCTORS OCCUR. THESE TYPES OF RELATED INJURIES ARE DOWN FROM THE FIRST QUARTER NUMBERS BY 24%. LEADERS NEED TO BE AWARE OF ELEVATED RISKS IN TRAINING WHERE CONTACT IS A SKILL ELEMENT OR LIKELY TO OCCUR. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAJOR AREAS WHERE INJURIES OCCURRED THIS QUARTER.

-DURING PRT/PT/HUMPS/MARCHES; 1 FATALITY, 4 CASES OF DEHYDRATION/HEAT STRESS, 10 COMPLAINTS OF DIZZINESS/CHEST PAINS, 14 CASES OF ANKLE INJURY, 6 SHOULDER AND ARM INJURIES, 1 FOOT INJURY, 8 KNEE INJURIES, 3 HIP INJURIES, 4 BACK INJURIES, 2 HAND/FINGER INJURIES, 1 FACE INJURIES.

-DURING NON-LETHAL/SELF DEFENSE/COMBAT TRAINING; 2 CASES OF DEHYDRATION/HEAT STRESS, 5 CASES OF ANKLE INJURY, 7 SHOULDER AND ARM INJURIES, 1 KNEE INJURY, 3 BACK INJURIES,

2 HAND/FINGER INJURIES, 1 NECK INJURY.

-DURING UNIT LEVEL TRAINING AND DRILLS; 3 CASES OF DEHYDRATION/HEAT STRESS,

3 ANKLE INJURIES, 2 FEET INJURIES,  
3 ARM INJURIES, 3 KNEE INJURIES, 2 HAND/FINGER INJURIES, 2 HEAD  
AND FACE INJURIES, 2 CASES OF TRENCH FOOT.

-CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY TRAINING; 5 BACK INJURIES, 1 LEG  
INJURY, 1 ARM INJURY, 1 ANKLE INJURY, 4 FINGER/HAND BURN  
INJURIES, 7 FACE AND HEAD INJURIES AND ONE CASE OF PNEUMONIA.

-DURING OTHER MISCELLANEOUS TRAINING EVENTS; ALLERGIC  
REACTION DURING GAS CHAMBER TRAINING, ONE BACK INJURY FROM  
THE HUMVEE ROLL OVER TRAINER (HEAT), ONE BACK INJURY FROM A  
FALL DURING VBSS TRAINING, 4 INJURIES OF VARIOUS TYPES WHILE  
TRAINING WITH THE M777 HOWITZER, 4 HAND INJURIES WHILE WORKING  
WITH TARGETS AT THE SMALL ARMS RANGE, 3 CIVILIAN FIREFIGHTERS  
INJURED THEIR BACKS DURING TRAINING.

3. REFS A AND B, AS WELL AS THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY TRAINING  
MANUAL MUST BE CONSULTED FOR MANAGING RISKS IN TRAINING  
PROGRAMS.

4. MISHAP REPORTS ARE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR LEADERSHIP TO  
CONSIDER WHEN MAKING ANY DECISIONS ABOUT THE TRAINING  
MISSION OR RISKS TO STAFF OR STUDENTS. REFS A AND B PROVIDE  
BASIC MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MITIGATING  
RISKS IN TRAINING. REF C PROVIDES THE REPORTING AND RECORD  
KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR MISHAPS. TO RECONCILE LOCALLY  
HELD MISHAP RECORDS WITH THE WEB-ENABLED SAFETY SYSTEM  
VISIT THE WESS RECONCILIATION WEB PAGE AT  
[WWW.SAFETYCENTER.NAVY.MIL/EXECSUMMARY/SEARCH.CFM](http://WWW.SAFETYCENTER.NAVY.MIL/EXECSUMMARY/SEARCH.CFM) OR  
SELECT THE WESS RECONCILIATION HOT BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF  
THE HOME PAGE. THE WESS HELP DESK CAN BE REACHED USING THE  
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