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SUBJ/THIRD QUARTER FY09 SUMMARY OF TRAINING-RELATED
/MISHAPS//

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

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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. THE INTENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO
HIGHLIGHT INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THIRD QUARTER FY 2009
TRAINING EVENTS AND PROVIDES COMMANDERS, COMMANDING
OFFICERS, TRAINING SAFETY OFFICERS, AND SAFETY MANAGERS
WITH AWARENESS TO THE TYPES OF INJURIES BEING SUSTAINED IN
TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS. DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE NATURE OF
THESE INJURIES MAY HELP TO IDENTIFY MITIGATION OR
PREVENTION FOR THESE KINDS OF MISHAPS, INCLUDING
IDENTIFICATION OF A NEAR-HIT. A NEAR-HIT IS AN ACT OR
EVENT LIKELY TO RESULT IN A MISHAP WHICH WAS AVOIDED MERELY
BY CHANCE. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION WITHIN THE
TRAINING COMMUNITIES FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

2. DURING THIRD QTR FY09 281 TRAINING-RELATED MISHAPS WERE
REPORTED IN WESS. THIS IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
PER QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO DATE. 64% (181) OF THESE
INJURIES WERE RELATED TO STRENUOUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND
TRAINING WITH PHYSICAL CONTACT. THIS IS DOWN 13% FROM THE
FIRST QUARTER, BUT UP 11% FROM THE SECOND QUARTER, FOR A
TOTAL OF 657 INJURIES IN TRAINING SINCE OCTOBER 2008. A
BREAKDOWN OF THE MAJOR CATEGORIES WHERE INJURIES HAVE
OCCURRED FOLLOWS:

-DURING PRT/PT/HUMPS/MARCHES; 14 CASES OF DEHYDRATION/HEAT
STRESS, 18 COMPLAINTS OF DIZZINESS/CHEST PAINS, 33 CASES OF
ANKLE INJURY, 15 SHOULDER AND ARM INJURIES, 4 FOOT
INJURIES, 25 KNEE AND CALF INJURIES, 9 HIP INJURIES, 9 BACK
INJURIES, 4 HAND/FINGER INJURIES, 8 FACE INJURIES, 7
GROIN/ABDOMEN/RIB INJURIES, 6 CASES OF SHIN SPLINTS, 3 NECK
INJURIES.

-DURING NON-LETHAL/SELF DEFENSE/COMBAT TRAINING; 1 CASE OF
DEHYDRATION/HEAT STRESS, 4 FOOT INJURIES, 2 ANKLE INJURIES,
9 SHOULDER AND ARM INJURIES, 6 KNEE AND CALF INJURIES, 2
BACK INJURIES, 2 HAND/FINGER INJURIES, 2 HEAD INJURIES, 1

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GROIN INJURY.

-DURING UNIT LEVEL TRAINING AND DRILLS; 1 FATALITY, 1 BURN INJURY, 4 SEVER LACERATIONS, 6 CASES OF DEHYDRATION/HEAT STRESS, 1 COMPLAINT OF CHEST PAINS, 2 KNEE AND CALF INJURIES, 7 ANKLE INJURIES, 4 HIP INJURIES, 6 FOOT INJURIES, 2 ARM AND WRIST INJURIES, 2 KNEE INJURIES, 7 HAND/FINGER INJURIES, 3 HEAD AND FACE INJURIES, 4 SHOULDER INJURIES, 1 BACK INJURY, 4 INSECT BITES/STINGS.

-CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY TRAINING; 2 HEAD INJURIES, 2 FOOT INJURIES, 3 ELECTRICAL SHOCKS, 1 ARM INJURY, 1 ANKLE INJURIES, 6 FINGER/HAND INJURIES, 1 ANKLE INJURY, 1 FAINTING.

-DURING OTHER MISCELLANEOUS TRAINING EVENTS; 8 CASES OF HEAT STRESS DURING FIREFIGHTING TRAINING, A FATALITY FROM A HMMWV ROLL-OVER, 4 INJURIES WHILE AT THE SMALL ARMS RANGE, 2 NEEDLE STICKS DURING MEDICAL TRAINING, 2 CHEMICAL BURNS WHILE DIVING, 9 FIREFIGHTERS SUFFERED VARIOUS INJURIES DURING TRAINING.

3. INJURY REPORTING AND ACCURACY OF THE REPORTING CONTINUES TO BE A CONCERN. NOTHING-HEARD FROM ANY ACTIVITY SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO FOR UNDER-REPORTING OR BEST PRACTICES. BOTH CONDITIONS SHOULD BE EVALUATED FOR SPECIFIC RELEVANCE TO TRAINING SAFETY PROCESSES. UNDER REPORTING DOES NOT PERMIT PROPER ALLOCATION OF TIME OR FUNDING BY LEADERSHIP. WHEN PREPARING TO SUBMIT A REPORT, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING; WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, AND HOW WILL HELP YOU SUBMIT A COMPLETE REPORT. THIS WILL ASSIST THE SAFETY CENTER IN PROVIDING ACCURATE AND CONCISE INFORMATION FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS. BEST PRACTICES OFTEN CAN BE ADAPTED TO BENEFIT OTHER SIMILAR TRAINING. 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.

4. ALL TRAINING COMMANDS THAT UTILIZE FX MARKING CARTRIDGES KNOWN AS "SIMUNITIONS" SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS TYPE OF AMMUNITION IS THE ONLY MUNITIONS AUTHORIZED FOR FORCE-ON-FORCE TRAINING. BE ADVISED THERE IS NOW A CLOSE QUARTERS TRAINING (CQT) AMMUNITION, IDENTIFIED BY A BLACK TIP, AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET. CQT AMMUNITION MAY BE USED FOR TARGET PRACTICE ONLY AND IS NEVER TO BE FIRED AT PERSONNEL, AS IT IS CONSIDERED LETHAL AMMUNITION. COMMANDS UTILIZING THESE MUNITIONS NEED TO SEGREGATE THE CQT MUNITIONS AND ENSURE THEY ARE NOT UTILIZED DURING FORCE ON FORCE TRAINING. REFERENCE THE JUNE 2009 US ARMY EXPLOSIVES SAFETY BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT WWW3.DAC.ARMY.MIL/ES.

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

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