

HOLIDAY SAFETY

21st Theater Support Command

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Safety



1. We will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, 19 January 2004, in conjunction with a training holiday on Friday, 16 January 2004. Prior to this holiday weekend, commanders and leaders at all levels must ensure that soldiers and civilians are made aware of their safety responsibilities. You must ensure all soldiers, civilians, and family members are briefed on the importance of safe and defensive driving during adverse weather conditions, especially at night. Reemphasize the "Click it or Ticket" and "Booze it & Lose it" campaigns during your holiday safety briefings.
2. This first long weekend after the Christmas holidays also marks the beginning of major deployment/redeployment missions in conjunction with Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as SFOR and KFOR rotations. Performing these missions under adverse weather conditions such as snow, ice, fog, or rain and during extended hours of darkness will significantly increase the potential for accidents. Special emphasis must be given to safe driving procedures, especially during convoy operations.
3. Numerous hours will be spent outside during rail, barge, and vessel loading/unloading. Cold weather injury prevention is critical. Strict implementation of the risk management program in the planning phase and during actual operations will help identify, assess, and reduce risks to acceptable levels. All soldiers and civilians involved in deployment or redeployment operations will be briefed on all hazards and control measures implemented to reduce identified risks.
4. Safety is everyone's responsibility. We must lead by example and demonstrate good risk management practices. "Our goal is no loss of life, and I ask that you give that goal your special attention over this long weekend." My Command Safety Office has posted safety topic briefing slides on the command safety website for use as needed.
5. Enjoy a nice, safe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend.

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BENNIE E. WILLIAMS
Major General, USA
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