

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center begins transition to Army Learning Management System

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FORT RUCKER, Ala. (August 6, 2009) - The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center took an important step in embracing the future of Army Distance Learning (DL) Aug. 3 as staff migrated 15 of the center's main DL courses from the Army Training Support Center (ATSC) Blackboard system to the Army Learning Management System (ALMS).

The 15 Safety Center courses that are now included in the ALMS are the Commander's Safety Course; Additional Duty Safety Course; Injury Prevention through Leadership; Composite Risk Management Basic Course; Composite Risk Management Civilian Course; Composite Risk Management Operational Course; Theories of Accident Prevention; Application of Accident Causation Theory; Military Briefings; Accident Investigation; the Collateral Duty Safety Officer's Course; the Safety Committee Member's Safety Course; the Employee's Safety Course; the Supervisor's Safety Course; and the Manager's Safety Course.

"CRC's migration to the ALMS puts us at the forefront of the Training and Doctrine Command-mandated change for all Army distance learning courses," Philip Mizzell, USACR/Safety Center's Non-Resident Training Division chief, said. The Army's intent to migrate all distance learning courseware to the ALMS was announced in June 2007 and all Army agencies must complete the migration by Jan. 31, 2011. Mizzell said the Armywide migration to ALMS will eliminate the multiple learning management systems currently available thus making Army online training far more user friendly.

"By training on one system, Soldiers will develop an understanding of the ALMS and will not be required to stumble through learning a new system every time there is a training requirement," Mizzell said. "After the migration is complete, Soldiers and commanders should experience less frustration and a higher online training success rate."

While the migration process has begun at the Safety Center, a handful of courses will remain on the old CRUII system at least for the immediate future while technicians work through some technical migration issues. Mizzell said all courses should migrate from CRUII to the ALMS by Sept. 30.

Currently, all of the Safety Center's distance learning courses, whether they are a part of the ALMS or CRUII, can be accessed through one main Web site. The Web site, available under the Distance Learning/Online training tab at <https://safety.army.mil>, contains a complete list of courses and instructions for how to access them.

"Soldiers, civilians and joint forces personnel with Army Knowledge On-line (AKO) and Defense Knowledge On-line (DKO) accounts will enjoy the ease of training on the ALMS," Mizzell said. "The ALMS helps us ensure that we are able to meet the very important mission of delivering training anytime, anywhere."