

## Fiscal Year 2010 Winter Season Safety

1. During the winter season, we observe several holidays. Traditionally, this is a period filled with festivities, travel, and opportunities to spend time with family and friends. All too often though, our rush to include all of the events and activities creates a sense of urgency which may lead to poor decisions resulting in potentially fatal consequences.

2. During the same period last year, the Army Reserve lost seven Soldiers in fatal vehicle and motorcycle accidents. The primary causes were excessive speed, failure to wear a seatbelt and fatigue. Driving is serious business and as our statistics show, it is the greatest risk we take during the holidays and winter season. Leaders will include in all safety briefings: using seatbelts, avoiding driving while fatigued, maintaining situational awareness, obeying posted speed limits, and not drinking and driving. As in any mission, holiday activities require planning, training, experience, and management of risk. Stress to every Soldier the importance of incorporating safety and Composite Risk Management in all on and off duty activities.

3. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all Army Reserve Soldiers, Civilians, contractors and Family members for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. Let's remember the Families of our fallen comrades, and Soldiers who are recovering from injuries, and those still deployed. I wish you a joyous and memorable holiday season.

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