

# SAFETY STANDDOWN

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D-U-I....the three letters alone don't spell anything, but together they can spell the end of your career. Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment had a chance to learn more about DUI's and their consequences during the 3-2 ADA Safety Stand Down day. State Troopers from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol stood before a group of Soldiers to give them a special message. "Our main goal with a DUI stop is to find people that are too intoxicated to drive and get them off the road," said Trooper Richard Danhorn. "If you get a DUI and crash into or kill someone, you can get charged with up to second degree murder. It's not worth it."

The Soldiers had a chance to wear drunk-goggles, which simulate the effects of alcohol impairment, while driving a drive a golf cart. Soldiers were surprised by how poorly they drove, and found it to be a sobering experience. "I definitely don't want to drive drunk," said Spc. Jeremy Booland, D Battery, 3-2 ADA. "It's not worth it at all. I've watched other people go out there, and they hit cones. Those could be people." Pfc. Joel Rico, A Battery, 2-3 ADA, was chosen out of the crowd to wear the drunk goggles and perform the field sobriety test. Rico said that the test reinforced his beliefs on DUI. "Do not drink and drive, it will cause harm to others. You can injure a loved one, whether it be a friend or someone else's family member. You can kill someone's brother, mother, sister or father." Trooper Danhorn had one last bit of advice for the soldiers who attended. "The main thing is to be safe and think about what you do. Don't wait for the repercussions to hit. Take the steps to make sure you're not in a position where you will get a DUI.