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## **CSA SENDS: Risk Management Message**

I need your help to ensure that commanders at every level are focused on safety and are using the risk management tools that have been developed to prevent accidents. The Army accident rate is rising, specifically in the number of vehicle (both military and POV) and aviation accidents. We need to implement the following measures:

- Brief all fatal accidents (on and off-duty) to the first general officer in the chain of command. The intent is for senior leaders to "AAR" the accidents and develop or reinforce procedures from the lessons learned.
- Train each soldier on risk management. We have developed a [Chain Teaching Packet](#) which is available on CD from the Army Safety Center.
- Ensure compliance with the Army [Six-Point POV](#) Accident Prevention Program. This is a comprehensive program designed to aid commanders in reducing the risk of POV accidents.
- Develop standardized, drivers' training programs. Many new soldiers are entering the Army without drivers licenses. We need to ensure soldiers develop driving skills that will allow them to competently and confidently operate under all conditions.
- Ensure aircrew coordination training is sustained. The Aviation Center is building an exportable training package. Review your requirements, and enforce the training standards established by Aircrew Training Manuals.
- Use the safety professionals assigned to your organization. They are a valuable asset for assisting commanders with the planning and execution of an effective safety program. An effective safety program focuses on positive, preventative measures taken to reduce risk, rather than reacting to accidents after they occur.
- Ensure compliance with accident reporting procedures. We need accurate information from the field to focus on the right problems and develop the right solutions.

In closing, please remind your commanders that safety and risk management are their programs. Focus on safety by the chain of command will occur only if there is focus by commanders. Every soldier is a combat multiplier - we cannot risk one life unnecessarily. The objective is simple - enhance combat readiness through proactive risk management.

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