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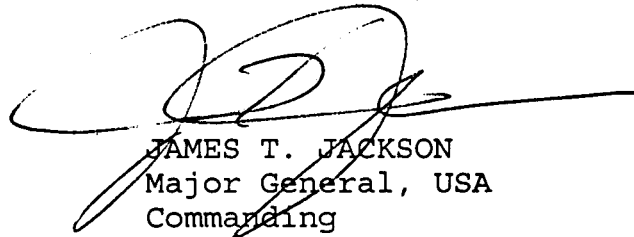
1. Accidents pose the greatest peacetime threat to our installations and warfighting assets. Losses in personnel and equipment place a serious drain on total Army readiness in peacetime as well as in combat.
2. Our soldiers are involved in activities on a daily basis that place them at risk. Quality leadership requires that risks be identified, mitigated, and properly managed. The role of a leader is to know when risks exceed the acceptable level and then do something about it. I want all of our leaders engaged. Safety is a condition that is imbedded in all that we do.
3. There are several key elements for which leaders are accountable:
 - a. The prevention of accidents involving personnel and equipment during operations and activities.
 - b. Integrating risk management procedures into training, missions, and operations.
 - c. Conducting a thorough safety briefing prior to all operations and activities.
 - d. Reporting all accidents and mishaps involving personnel and equipment.
 - e. Ensuring that all accidents are investigated to identify the cause and to determine corrective actions.
4. Risk management is everyone's responsibility. I expect our leaders to be familiar with the process and to create an environment in which the safety of our soldiers and civilians is paramount. Risk management requires us to think through a mission to balance training needs against risks in terms of

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accident losses. This will reduce and even eliminate injury and loss of resources.

5. We will work together to ensure that each mission is completed safely and effectively. As the MDW senior safety official, I promise to promote safety awareness and to hold members of the MDW chain of command responsible for the well being of our soldiers and civilians. I am very confident that together we will succeed.



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