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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COMMANDERS


SUBJECT: Command Endorsement of Corrective Actions Taken or Planned as a result of an Accident

1. Commanders, the South Carolina Army National Guard is seeing an alarming increase in the number of accidents each year. The goal of the Army and the National Guard is to reduce accidents (Class A-C) by 20% each year using the accident statistics from FY06. So far in FY08 we have 29 accidents, a 38% increase over FY07 and a 28.8% increase over FY06. This is an overall increase in all accidents by 14.5% since 2006. We have failed to meet the NGB accident goal and we are putting our Soldiers at increased risk for injury or death.
2. The resulting accident investigations clearly show that we have Soldiers disregarding regulations by not wearing helmets while riding motorcycles; Soldiers not wearing seatbelts and falling out of moving vehicles; and Soldiers not following proper maintenance procedures and being injured or equipment being damaged. These practices must stop. The solution to reverse this trend will take direct command and leader involvement at all command levels.
3. Effective immediately, every accident report forwarded to the State Safety Office will be endorsed by each Commander in the chain of the command to include the MSC Commander. Each endorsement will be attached to the accident report (DA Form 285-AB-R). Commanders will not delegate this to Administrative Officers. Endorsements will address how each Commander is going to ensure that the corrective actions taken or planned (as identified in block 40 on the accident report) are going to be put in place to ensure this type of accident does not happen again within their command.

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4. POC is the undersigned or MAJ Alison H. Hyder at 803-806-4446.
5. "Make safety a reality."



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