



# Know Your Role

## *Strategic Update*

### Director's Corner

This issue's focus is on LOE 5: Safety. The term "safety" refers to preventing accidents which result in death, injury or property damage. The lead on LOE 5 is the Director of the Installation Safety Office (ISO), Mr. Kirk Fechter.

An important aspect of this LOE is the communication with the Fort Meade community as it pertains to risk management, situational awareness, and accident avoidance measures. ISO does a great job with communicating seven annual major safety campaigns. One such campaign is the Safety Expo which this past year had 2,500 attendees. Other avenues of communication are coordinated with the Public Affairs Office (PAO). PAO and ISO collaborate on Soundoff articles, Twitter tweets, and Facebook postings.

One strong ISO initiative is to remind leaders that they have the responsibility to conduct risk management as this is best done at the user level. ISO's role is then to review and coach leaders on how to improve their risk management skills.

Other aspects that make up LOE 5 are force protection and security. Involved directorates include the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS); the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), and PAO.

### SF1—Effective Privately Owned Vehicles safety programs in place

In the United States, motorcycles are very popular, where more than four million are registered. Motorcycling also has become increasingly popular in the Army with 33,425 motorcycles currently registered on U.S. Army installations. One result of this trend is that motorcycle accident rates have increased proportionately. As accidents increase, leaders must find ways to improve motorcycle safety within the Army. In a crash, motorcycles offer no protection. Roughly twenty percent of all reported automobile accidents involve injury or death, with 80% of that figure being motorcycle crashes. When calculated per mile traveled, the risk of dying in a motorcycle crash is sixteen times that of dying in a car crash. Every year, more than 2,200 drivers die in such crashes.

Motorcycles have evolved a great deal in recent years and continue to change. The changes usually represent an improvement in handling, function, and, safety. While motorcycles and automobiles are constantly changing with improved mechanical factors, the same can't be said for the human factors.

Choosing the correct motorcycle, having the proper equipment, training, and managing the risks can reduce or prevent accidents. Riding skills are learned; therefore, attendance in a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) approved course should be the first step for all riders. Motorcycle safety courses are required and provided by U.S. Army installations. Fort George G. Meade information on MSF courses and their contents can be found at the Installation Safety Office (ISO) website, [www.ftmeade.army.mil/pages/safety/safety.html](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/pages/safety/safety.html).

Motorcycle accidents cannot totally be prevented, but through proper training and preparation, they can be reduced. Your attitude and actions can make the difference between a fun ride or a fatal one!



*Members of Fort Meade's response team are seen in action during an Emergency Management Plan exercise—Patriot Response—which took place June 22-24. This scenario dealt with school safety.*

### IMCOM Campaign Plan

#### Lines of Effort 5: Safety (SF)

##### LOE 5 Keys to Success:

**SF1—Effective Privately Owned Vehicles (POV—motorcycle and auto) safety programs in place**

**SF2—Heightened safety awareness across the Command**

**SF3—Hazard control measures employed to foster a safe working and living environment**

**SF4—Safe and healthy practices are promoted and encouraged on- and off-duty**

**SF5—Integrated Installation Protection Program and capability in place**

**LOE 5 Objective: All Soldiers, Families, and Civilians consciously employ risk reduction measures to foster a safe working and living environment, instilling a sense of safety both on- and off-duty while promoting leader and individual accountability.**

**—2010 Installation Management Campaign Plan**

## SF4—Safe and Healthy practices are promoted and encouraged

The Installation Safety Office (ISO) continues to promote and encourage safe and healthy practices for the Fort Meade community. An example of this is the annual Safety Health and Wellness Expo. The Expo provides resources that promote safety, health and quality of life whether on duty or off duty, through an exhibition of information, equipment, demonstrations and training. Services presented include blood pressure checks, eye exams, power and hand tool demonstrations, personal protective equipment displays, pedestrian safety, ergonomics, driver safety, fire safety, drunk-driving awareness, as well as water and boating safety.

The Expo allows ISO to partner with nationally recognized vendors such as Dewalt Power Tools, MSC Industrial Supplies, Maryland State Police, Kids in Safe Seats (KISS), Baltimore Washington Eye, and Stanley Tools to name a few. ISO also partners with other units at Fort Meade such as the U.S. Coast Guard, FGGM Police and Fire Departments, and NSA's Occupational Health. An exhibit area is provided for Cape Fox Concentric Methods who provide a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor on site to offer Motorcycle safety information.

The event offers the opportunity to see how safety and health applies to on- and off-duty activities. Overall, the expo highlights ISO's on-going efforts to emphasize the well being of our entire FGGM family.

## SF5—Integrated Installation Protection Program capability in place

Fort Meade has several emergency management plans in place. Antiterrorism, adverse weather and installation biological preparedness are examples of plans that have been approved and exercised—enabling us to react to just about any emergency. The entire garrison staff is involved in the development and execution of these plans with Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS); Directorate of Emergency Services (DES); Directorate of Public Works (DPW); Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR), Public Affairs Office (PAO), Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC) and the command group being the primary players. We hold an annual full scale exercise to review and validate our programs as well as at least one tabletop exercise.

The Fort Meade community's safety is of the highest importance and reflected not only through the previously mentioned emergency management plans but also through the various installation programs such as access control (pertaining to access to the installation itself and consisting of the gate security and the visitor control center); physical security; antiterrorism; iWatch (a nation-wide modern version of neighborhood watch); and random antiterrorism measure programs.

The key LOE 5 and specifically SF5 message the Fort Meade community should know is that the above-mentioned programs are very effective and based on outside evaluations; some have been noted as best in IMCOM. A member of Fort Meade's workforce, Doug Wise, was named the IMCOM AT Program Manager of the year in 2009. This award not only reinforced the installation's excellent protection programs but also brought with it \$100,000 for Fort Meade. Our full-scale exercises have been very challenging and realistic which result in our response forces being better trained. Our working relationships with local, state, and Federal partners are excellent and reinforced through their participation in our exercises. Fort Meade Fire and Emergency Service and Emergency Medical Service departments are highly trained and have very successful response statistics.

Fort Meade demonstrates excellence in installation protection and will continue to review its processes to ensure the highest level of safety for all those who live, work, and play on Fort Meade.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Northeast Region (NERO) and the Southeast Region (SERO) are merging effective July 15, 2011 and will now be called IMCOM East.
- Fort Meade is once again competing in the IMCOM Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) competition. We placed 2nd three years in a row—2007, 2008, and 2009.
- You can submit ideas, suggestions, and/or questions related to the strategic newsletter. Send them to Raul Schuett at [raul.schuett@us.army.mil](mailto:raul.schuett@us.army.mil).



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