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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Organizations

SUBJECT: New Year's Safety Message

1. Team, as we prepare for the coming year, let us take a moment to look back at 2011. Last year, our Army had 177 non-combat related deaths, marking the second annual increase. Three of every four fatalities were off-duty. Off-duty privately owned vehicle and motorcycle fatalities have accounted for more than half of all non-combat Army fatalities since 2004. The majority of these are preventable.

2. New Year's Eve is notorious for alcohol-related accidents and incidents. Leaders, engage your Soldiers and civilians regarding their individual responsibilities. The numbers presented above are sobering and remind us that the decisions we make can be the difference between life and death. Use your seatbelts and other personal protective equipment, observe posted speed limits and other traffic rules, and do not use a cell phone while driving. If you are going to drink, please use a designated driver, or call a taxi. Do your part to help turn this fatality trend around.

3. My husband, Leif, and I wish you a safe and happy New Year. *It will be busy - and we need you.*

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