



Columbus Day Weekend Safety

USAREUR Four Day Holiday Weekend, 10-13 October 2014

Team 21, let's enjoy the long weekend and have a great time while being safe and responsible. Everything is better in moderation - and slowing down reduces accidents. Please review the following hazards and mitigation strategies:

**Morning Fog.** Adjust speed to conditions, drive defensively, and use seat belts. If visibility drops below 50 meters (150 feet), turn on your fog lights and slow down to 50 km/h.

**Rain and Wet Leaves.** Wet roads are slippery, so slow down in curves, and increase your following distance. If hydroplaning occurs, let off the gas pedal and steer straight ahead to regain control. Watch for deep puddles in low lying areas and beneath overpasses.

**Darkness.** Limited visibility makes hazards harder to see. Be alert to pedestrians, bicycle riders, potholes, and wild animals. Adjust speed for headlight distance and reaction time.

**Morning Frost and Black Ice.** Be alert, particularly in shady areas. When encountered, don't overreact or hit the brakes. Let off the gas to maintain/regain traction, gently steer to correct any skid, and continue at a reduced speed.

**Winterize Your Vehicle.** Get your car ready for the cold. Install winter tires, replace worn wipers, check engine coolant condition, and top-off your windshield washer fluid before adverse weather hits.

**Don't Drink and Drive.** Use common sense and **0-1-2-3** strategy for responsible drinking.

Use your Individual Professionalism **VE3T!** Values; Enthusiasm-Endurance-Excellence; Stewardship; and Teamwork. Watch out for one another and use a battle buddy. Be prepared to act when necessary to prevent your teammates from entering harm's way.

FIRST IN SUPPORT-READY STRONG!

BATTLE UP & HAVE FUN,  
HOOAH 55!  
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