

SAFETY ON POINT

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safety information

The 3 Rs of UXO

Did you know munitions can be encountered anywhere? Munitions used in the present and the past include war souvenirs, residue from rounds fired on ranges, residue from wars fought long ago and building projects were erected on previous battle sights. The Davy Crockett M101 spotting round was used on

Fort Riley in the 1960s and have been unearthed in various locations. The DoD continues to use some lands for live-fire, training and testing and when those lands are vacated this means lands once used for munitions-related activities are now being used for other purpose to include commercial buildings and residential housing!



The need for 3Rs Training (Recognize, Retreat, Report) is the first step to mitigating the hazards associated with unexploded ordnances (UXO). Addressing munitions present on lands used for munitions exercises will take decades to clear, clean and control given the fiscal realities. Even with clean-up, there are no 100% guarantees that all munitions have been recovered. Some may be buried deep under the surface, while other may be unearthed by construction or a catastrophic event such as an earthquake. Despite the best efforts, people will continue to encounter munitions, but education can help mitigate and managed the risks.

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health (ODASA-ESOH) developed a pilot program for 3Rs Explosive Safety Education in September 2015 and Fort Riley was added to the initial four installations that were selected to participate. Inclusion in the pilot program gives Fort Riley an opportunity to tailor its information into a Department of the Army standardized 3R training program. The intent is to take a multifaceted approach engaging all stakeholders (Command Group, GSO, DPTMS, QASAS, PAO, DPW, DES, CYSS) and others to contribute input and insight into what is pertinent to address in 3Rs education and training.

In the meantime, what can you do to keep yourself and your family safe from the dangers of UXOs? First and foremost **RECOGNIZE** the danger! In December of 1983, in Tierrasanta, California, two boys found a 37mm round near their homes and were killed when the munition detonated after being disturbed. Camp Elliott was closed in 1960, sold in 1974 and a UXO was able to cause of fatality 9 years later. In March of 2000, teenagers entered the range impact area on Camp Shelby's operational range and removed several UXOs. In May of 2000, one teenager was killed, another was critically injured, vehicles and homes were damaged and witnesses indicated that up to 20 children had handled the UXO before it detonated. The teenagers that were hurt were not the ones that took the munitions home as souvenirs. The risks of handling UXO are deadly.

If you **RECOGNIZE** a UXO, the first order of business is to **RETREAT**. Don't touch it or disturb it, but move carefully away, walking out of the area the same way you entered the area.

Finally, you must **REPORT** where you saw the ordinance in detail so that local law enforcement can handle the situation effectively. Call 911 or the DES Police Department.

National Safety Council (NSC) Safety Themes:

- November 2015 - Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MAAD) - Tie one on for Safety
- December 2015 - "3D Month" - Drunk, Drugged Driving Prevention Month

POV Safety Check Lane

The DES Police Department has partnered with the USAG, Safety Office to conduct a POV Safety Check Lane at Riley's Conference Center on 20 November 2015 from 1000-1400. This is a great time to have your vehicle checked for safety including tire depth, window tint, proper car seat installation, vehicle equipment and lighting. In addition, DES will provide safety checklists and promotional giveaways for all who participate in the check.



The holiday months of November - January are when Soldiers, DA Civilians, Family Members and Retirees take to the road vacationing, visiting family and friends, or transitioning to new duty assignments. The POV Safety Check Lane is intended to educate the Fort Riley Community on vehicle safety. The DES Police Department and partners will ensure that informational brochures concerning vehicle and traffic safety are disseminated, passenger child seats are installed correctly, vehicle tinting is IAW Fort Riley and Army Regulation, and vehicle equipment such as headlamps, taillights etc. are serviceable.

Why not ask the experts? The DES Police Department's intention is to provide courtesy inspections to those who participate, focusing on education and awareness. You can visit the check lane without fear of a citation, but rather gain vital information on how to come into compliance with local laws, policies and standards.

There will be five (5) Check Stations at Riley's Conference Center:

- Station #1 - Welcome/Information (FRPD/GSO)
- Station #2 - Child Passenger Safety Check (GSO/FRFD)
- Station #3 - Window/Tint/ License Plate/ Tint Covering (FRPD)
- Station #4 - Vehicle Equipment/ Lighting (FRPD)
- Station #5 - Promotional Give Away for Participation

Important to note: This POV Safety Check Lane cannot take the place of Unit conducted POV Safety Checks!

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* NOV DDC IV will be conducted at the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), BLDG 673A

UPCOMING CLASSES

DDC IV Class - 18 NOV 2015*

CDSO Safety Course

1-2 MAR 2016

HAZCOM TTT - 5 JAN 2016

SUPERVISOR'S COURSE

14 JAN 2016

NEXT SAFETY COUNCIL

18 DEC 2015

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