

SAFETY UPDATE

New Directorate at FSH Safety, Environment, and Fire

LTC Martha Sanders a career Environmental Science Officer led the formation of the new Directorate of Safety, Environment, and Fire (DSEF). The DSEF started functioning as of Dec 2001. LTC Sanders oversees the successful implementation of regulatory compliance for the Safety, Environment, and Fire programs.



"Proactive Compliance Assistance and Training" are the key elements of successful prevention. Identifying and addressing potential problems early minimizes or prevents incidents.

LTC Sanders, Director Safety, Environment, and Fire

budgeting, and developing program requirements. Besides addressing these challenges, LTC Sanders continues to promote her two goals: **Prevention** and **Preservation**. She believes by remaining in compliance we minimize or prevent injuries, illnesses, and/or damage to the environment. This sustains a safe workplace and a healthy environment.

LTC Sanders indicates that the new directorate will be effective because the three functional areas use the common approach of risk assessment, training, and regulatory compliance. This DSEF directorate provides FSH with the unique opportunity to be the model for the Army.

The concept of the DSEF directorate at FSH is unique not only to the US Army but to the US DoD. This is the first time these three critical program areas have been merged.

The ride to formulating the new directorate has been bumpy — realigning personnel authorizations,

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Upcoming Training

- *Ergonomics Awareness*
04 Apr '02
- *Risk Management*
10 Apr '02
- *Heat Stress: 24 Apr '02*
- *Material Handling Equip-
ment : 02 May '02*
- *Collateral Duty Safety
Officer 14 -15 May '02*
- *Confined Space*
22 May '02
- *HAZCOM: 4 Jun '02*

Classes are held at the Roadrunner, Bldg 2797. For dates and times visit our website at www.cs.amedd.army.mil/iso/ or call us at 221 – 9872.

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Risk Management Integration - MED Bn

Due to construction at Williams Road, 232 MED Bn and other units that were using this route were required to reconfigure their route for morning physical fitness activities.

Their running course was evaluated based on the fundamentals and process outlined in FM 100-14, Risk Management. One segment was identified as posing High Risk to their soldiers, because route near Salado Creek S-33 and Binz-Engleman required soldiers to run on the road.

It was noted that traffic gets heavier at times and moves at speeds of 30 mph. Poor visibility during early morning hours exacerbated the problems.

Various actions to help protect and to improve the safety of the

troops have been initiated. Signs that require reduced speeds have been proposed.

Guards wearing new reflecting vest and flashlights have been placed to control traffic. An MP with his vehicle emergency lights-on controls the traffic.

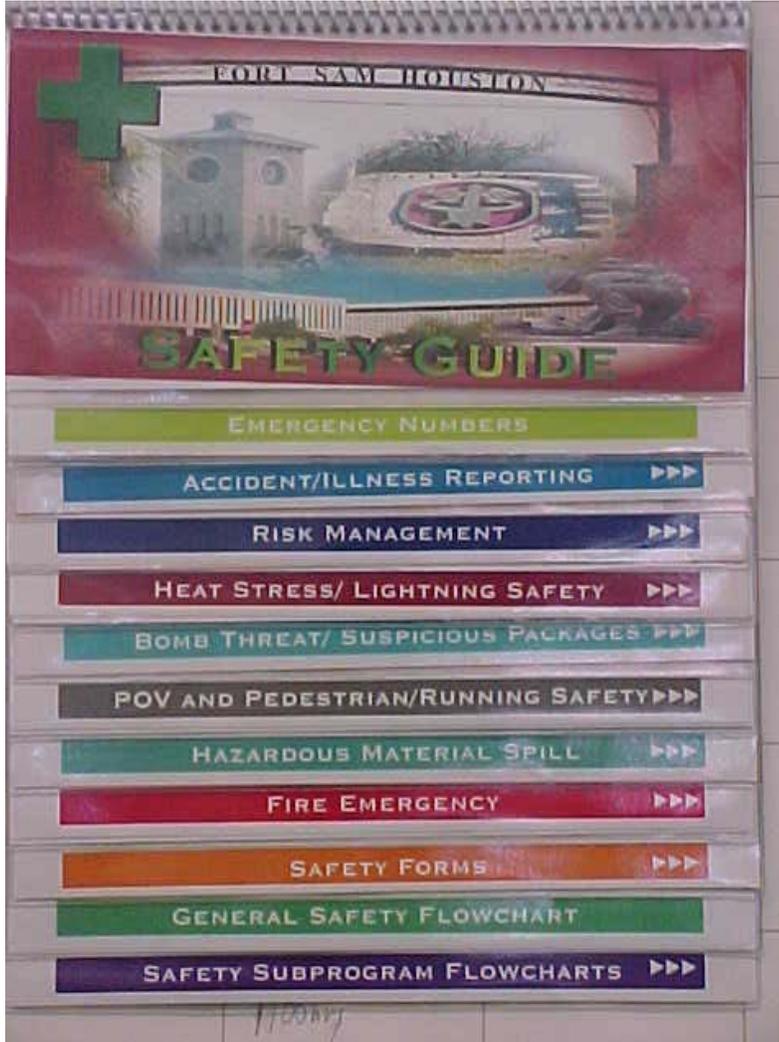
Two sets of portable lights are also used to light up the area during the early morning hour exercises. Drivers can help by being alert for troop movements as they drive in this area.



FSH Accident Stats: From 9 NOV 2001 thru 28 FEB 2002

Category	# Reports
Slips, Trips, Falls (Bumped into)	8
Strained Back/Arm/Groin Area	5
POV Accidents	3
Lacerations/Punctures	15
Burns	1
Struck by/Bump	3
Suspicious Mail Containing White Powder	1
Electrocution—Minor	1
Fracture	2
Other	9
TOTAL	48

Fort Sam Houston - Safety Guide



Other helpful inserts include **Emergency Numbers**, **Risk Management**, and **Heat Stress**.

The Fire Emergency insert lists procedures for Fire Prevention, What to do in case of a fire, and other fire safety requirements.

Microwave Ovens

A Fire Hazard?

FSH recently experienced two fires resulting from the misuse of a microwave ovens. Tips for the safe use of a microwave oven are-

Do not try to disinfect or dry non-food items such as wet shoes, model cars or planes, etc. Do not heat items for longer than recommended times.

Use only microwave oven safe utensils because heating can melt some plastics. Do not try heating metal items.

Sample Insert Heat Stress/Lightning Safety

The FSH **Safety Guide** is intended for use as a desk-top quick reference tool. The Safety Guide should make daily tasks easier for employees, CDSOs, supervisors, and commanders. **FSH** includes facilities at AMEDDC&S, Garrison, Camp Bullis, Canyon Lake, and Camp Stanley.

At the Jan '02 Safety Council meeting Maj Gen Kiley extolled the utility of the Safety Guide. At Gen Kiley's request, additional copies will be distributed.

Caution: The Safety Guide does not replace the required comprehensive written program of any unit.

The Safety Program Flowchart and **General Safety Flowchart** provide helpful information.

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**Please Distribute this News Letter
Throughout your Organization !**

FSH Springtime Activity Safety Rules

Do Not Drink and Drive

Do Not Drink and Go Swimming

Do Not Drink While Fishing

Do Not Drive Without Adequate Rest

What is New?

Safety Day May 29, 2002

Mark Your Calendars!

Safety Equipment, Ergo Vendors, Forklift Rodeo...

Quarterly Safety Award Winners: Oct - Dec 2001

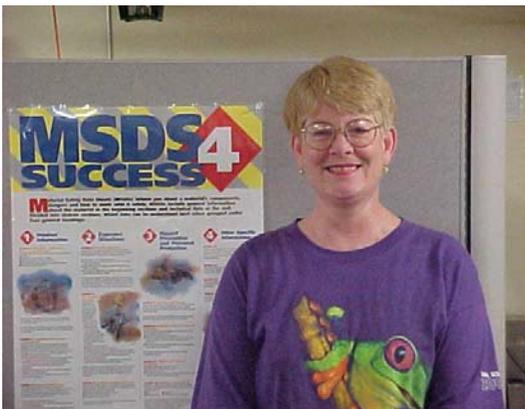


**1LT Benjamin Wehmeier
E Company, Academy Battalion
Soldier of the Quarter Award Winner**

1LT Wehmeier holds a BS in Public Policy and Administration and is expected to graduate (MA in Management) from Webster University in the near future (March 2002).

1LT Wehmeier's enthusiasm for the Safety Program has energized other personnel in his Company. He has helped raise the level of the Company's Risk Management Program. He has used Risk Management as a management and communication tool to address civilian and soldier safety concerns. He puts lessons learned from the reported accidents to good use by assisting other units to help prevent accidents from repeating.

Thank you and Keep Up the Good Work 1LT Wehmeier!



**Ms. Linda Wenck, HAZMAT Program
HQ Center Brigade & Academy Battalion
Civilian of the Quarter Award Winner**

Ms. Wenck has over ten years of experience at the Academy Battalion and has been trained as a Hazardous Materials Technician, Industrial Safety Officer, and Chemical Hygiene Officer. Ms. Wenck is pursuing her bachelor of science degree. Ms. Wenck helped setup the programs at the Academy Battalion and Camp Bullis.

Ms. Wenck has been a liaison for HQ, Center Brigade and Academy Battalion for the Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Program for 5 years. Ms. Wenck has designed and implemented the HAZMAT program for the Academy Battalion and E Company Operations. Ms. Wenck has been sought for her knowledge on the hazardous materials and waste issues such as inventories, storage, transportation, and turn in of materials.