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MEMORANDUM FOR USAFE ADDRESS #2 – MAJOR USAFE UNITS
USAFE ADDRESS #6 – DIRECTORATES, AND COMPARABLE
STAFF OFFICES

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SUBJECT: FY07 101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

1. On 25 May, we enter the 101 Critical Days of Summer. This period, beginning Memorial Day weekend and running through Labor Day, marks a time of increased risk for our USAFE team.
2. Last summer was particularly traumatic for us. Two USAFE pedestrians died in separate incidents when they were struck by passing vehicles. Another Airman, his wife, and unborn child were suddenly killed when their vehicle collided with an on-coming truck. Yet another Airman sustained debilitating injuries after fracturing his neck while diving into shallow water. Every Airman must vow not to relive these types of mishaps this summer.
3. Determined to eliminate these tragic mishaps, I established a zero-fatality goal for the summer campaign, and targeted four specific challenge areas; off-duty private motor vehicle operations, on- and off-duty sports and recreation activities, pedestrian safety, and finally, on-duty industrial safety.
4. **Commanders:** Kick-off this campaign with a 1-2 hour safety call during the week of 21-25 May. Focus on the four challenge areas. Stress the common causes of vehicle mishaps; impaired driving, excessive speed, operating while fatigued and driving while distracted. In addition, highlight the primary challenge faced by motorcyclists and pedestrians—being seen! Motorists can help by properly scanning their environment to identify and avoid these low-profile individuals. Also, work with your sports and fitness staff to fully implement the Air Force's Golden Eagle Standards for sports and recreation safety.
5. **Supervisors:** Place emphasis on using risk management strategies for all summer activities, particularly team sports such as softball, basketball, football, and soccer. Ensure all activities are preceded by adequate hydration and proper warm-up.
6. **Workcenters:** Always remain focused on the task at hand. Target your efforts to slips/trips/falls, materials handling, and forklift operations. My staff provided your safety office additional guidance and information to help in this endeavor.
7. **USAFE Members:** Individual responsibility for personal safety cannot be outsourced. USAFE's goals and actions are aimed to protect our most important resource; you and your families. As such, you must all do your part to ensure each others' safety and achieve our full combat capability. It's all about the team!

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