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FROM: AFSPC/CC

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SUBJECT: Commander's Safety Memorandum

1. There are certain times in our life wherein we can make a positive difference and impact our immediate environment. In the aftermath of 11 September, many have done so; many have accepted the responsibility to make the world around them better--safer. You are doing so everyday by your unswerving commitment to the Air Force and, in particular, Air Force Space Command. However, when any of us fails to accept the responsibility for our own actions, we defeat that measure of making the world a better and safer place.

2. This year, the Air Force has lost 73 airmen to mishaps, 68 of them off-duty. The world is not better for this loss; in fact, it is a much sadder place in which to live. Perhaps just as tragic is the knowledge that all of these mishap fatalities could have been prevented. The lessons learned from these deaths are the same lessons we have learned before and are all too familiar. Simple lessons such as do not drink alcohol and drive and wear your seatbelts. The question we must ask is how can anyone make a positive difference when they do not follow the basic rules for self-preservation?

3. All of us should apply risk assessment in both our work environment and off-duty. We must assess if the risk we are going to take (i.e., drinking alcohol and then driving) is worth the cost. We should take care of our friends, our "wingmen," and they should return the favor. We must develop good safety attitudes in everything we do. Safety *is* an attitude...get one!

*SAFETY IS
The Business of each
Member of AFSPC!*

LANCE W. LORD
General, USAF
Commander

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FROM: HQ USAF/CC
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SUBJECT: USAA Educational Foundation Traffic Safety Partnership

Our nation is experiencing an increase in motor vehicle related fatalities as last year's figures are expected to be the highest since 1990. Likewise, our Air Force has seen an increase in motor vehicle fatalities. In the last five years we have lost 218 of our comrades in motor vehicle mishaps. These mishaps are preventable--this trend is reversible. At the root of many of these mishaps lie faulty decisions and poor risk management. We can combat this threat with information and awareness as two significant tools at our disposal.

To that end, I am pleased to announce a collaborative effort between the USAA Educational Foundation and the Air Force in combating the number one killer of our airmen, motor vehicle mishaps. The offer to provide their Driver Safety Awareness Program comes at a critical time. This program will provide an installation-level library of traffic safety educational material, tools that commanders and supervisors can use to address risks in the traffic environment.

The first volume, "Impaired Driving" along with the DUI simulator "Fatal Vision Goggles", will be distributed to our installations soon. Alcohol is involved in nearly one-third of our fatal vehicle mishaps; let's put these tools to use to tackle this determined foe. Training and awareness, however, are not enough. It is every member's responsibility to put that knowledge into use, and it is a commander's responsibility to impart this message.

I am grateful for the USAA Education Foundation's efforts to help us reduce the number of fatalities and injuries suffered as a result of motor vehicle mishaps. We can, and must reverse this trend to preserve and protect our #1 asset--our people.

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