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Protecting the Force - Columbus Day Holiday Safety

1. The upcoming Columbus Day holiday provides our service members, civilians, and their families with an extended weekend to celebrate and have fun as individuals, groups, and families. It is also the first holiday weekend of fall, where temperatures are cooling and people generally enjoy doing outdoor activities, tailgate parties for sporting events, and other family activities associated with the changing season. This holiday weekend is a high-risk period for those exposed to highway driving and recreational activities, and we want to make certain that no member of the Quartermaster School, or their family members, are included in holiday accident statistics. Remember, safety is everyone's business and always the #1 Priority.
2. Motor vehicle and recreational safety are the keys to enjoying this holiday weekend. Driving any privately owned vehicle (to include motorcycles) too fast for road conditions, not wearing seatbelts, not wearing protective clothing and equipment while on a motorcycle, and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs remain the primary causes of motor vehicle injury and death. You can take positive action to reduce your risk by using common sense. Wear your seat belt and ensure all passengers wear theirs. Drive defensively and follow the rules of the road. If you drink, don't drive – period!
3. Quartermaster School Leaders will ensure a pre-holiday safety briefing is conducted with 100 percent attendance of personnel. Safety awareness is an important element of leadership, and taking extra measures to ensure risk awareness can and will make a difference.
4. May each member of our Team--to include our Family members--enjoy a safe and memorable holiday period. Let safety guide our actions as we enjoy an extended weekend and celebrate Columbus Day.

Supporting Victory!

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