



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

6<sup>th</sup> AREA SUPPORT GROUP

UNIT 30401

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### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of Quarterly 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Safety and Environmental Council Meeting (S&ECM), 30 June 2004

1. The second and third quarter FY 04 S&ECM was conducted on 30 June 2004 in the 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Command Conference Room. COL Bonéy-Harris, 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Commander chaired the meeting.

2. Mr. Hans T. Dreizler, 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Safety Manager, presented the safety section of the S&ECM.

3. Old Business:

a. Total Maintenance Services (TMS) Contractor: The Safety and Health Plan and Subcontractor Handbook prepared by TMS safety professionals has been reviewed by the Safety Office. TMS plans to send out the handbook to their sub-contractors by the end of July/beginning of August. Mr. Dreizler said that emphasis must be given to its implementation by TMS officials.

b. Backing-up accidents: Mr. Siemers, Chief DOL, informed the meeting that Inter-Agency Fleet Management System (IFMS) was requested to supply new vehicles equipped with electronic backing warning devices. COL Bonéy-Harris remarked that drivers are less careful when driving government owned vehicles (GOVs). DOL will include the requirement for ground guides in their Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) for safe operation of vehicles. Reports of survey involving backing accidents will indicate if the driver was alone; or if accompanied by a passenger, did they assist as a ground guide.

4. Accident Statistics:

a. Safety: There have been 29 class C or D accidents during the first 3 quarters of FY04. There were no class A or B accidents. The 18 class C accidents all involved personal injuries; 14 local nationals and 4 US civilians. All class D accidents were in GOVs. Details of all accidents were given. For the 6<sup>th</sup> ASG, there was a slight increase in work days lost (WDL) compared to the same period last year; 109 as opposed to 100. There was a reduction in the costs of damage to government property, \$11,126 compared to \$15,542 last year. CSM Chavez queried about military injuries and said that we should show HHC accidents accordingly. Details for all tenant

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unit accidents were also given. Mr. Dreizler answered that tenant units report accidents through their own stovepipe system. "We are dependent on these units' reporting and sending us copies of accident reports to put our statistics together. The receipt of accident information from units by the safety office varied from unit to unit, for example 1/10 SFC (A) were good in this regard, others not". Regulations require that all accidents in the 6th ASG be reported to the 6th ASG Safety Office. COL Bonéy-Harris said she would bring this up at the next tenant's meeting. The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) representative asked if the causes of accidents were looked into. Mr. Dreizler assured the attendees that all accidents are looked into. Furthermore, all US civilian accidents are reviewed by the 6th ASG Federal Employee Compensation Act (FECA) Council. Damage to property did not solely consist of backing up accidents, as there were many other causes. CoS asked if reports of survey were being performed on these accidents. Mr. Siemers replied that all were investigated and if damage was as a result of negligence, the operator would be charged with the costs. Local nationals were not required to pay, unless extreme negligence could be proven. COL Bonéy-Harris felt we were missing out on information on GOV accidents. Mr. Dreizler thought that in the area of positive reinforcement we were doing badly as far as awards were concerned and that we could do better. CSM Chavez added that there were IMA-E/USAREUR safe driving awards. The VIP motor pool and TMP drivers were likely candidates for awards. COL Bonéy-Harris said we will have to see how we can elevate this issue. Overall, 6<sup>th</sup> ASG and tenants, property damage was slightly down and WDL up in FY04 as opposed to the same period in FY 03. The statistics were not thought to be completely accurate as there was a four-week period of time for which no MP blotters had been received.

b. Fire: Mr. Doersam, 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Fire Chief, presented the fire statistics. The number of fires in FY 04 were 14, compared to 6 for the same period in FY03. This was largely due to the fires in the first quarter, details of which were briefed at the last S&ECM. The 2nd and 3rd quarters showed a reduction. The increase of 28 responses, mainly as a result of a rise in false fire alarm calls, was probably due to the installation of more fire alarm systems. Most responses were to locations in Patch Barracks, which prompted CSM Chavez to comment that maybe a fire truck should be stationed there. Pictures of locations where fires had occurred were then shown to the meeting. The main cause of fires continued to be unattended cooking. The CoS remarked that he had not seen reports of survey for any fires. Mr. Siemers assured him that they were working on them. Mr. Doersam then informed the meeting on the new Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Decontamination Unit which they had just received delivery of and training on. This mobile unit provides among other things, the capability to detect NBC hazards, specialized personal protective equipment and the ability to decontaminate up to 200 persons.

5. ASAP Report: Mr. Jeffrey Whitesell, Alcohol Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) Prevention Coordinator, presented the FY 04 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) statistics. He stated that there had been a significant increase of DUI's (22) in the second quarter of FY04, the highest recorded over the past two years. Reasons for the increase of DUIs were not readily apparent. \

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Since all the DUIs occurred off post at night or in the early morning involving German Polizei traffic stops. There was a consensus that an increase in Polizei prevention efforts was possibly the reason for the higher rate. Demographically, the increase was seen throughout the community between military, civilian employees and family members, with senior military personnel (Officers and NCOs) involved in many of the DUIs. Mr. Fischer ASAP Alcohol Drug Control Office (ADCO), reported the trend was being seen across USAREUR also. CSM Chavez suggested publishing the details of DUIs and the subsequent punishments in The Citizen newspaper. Mr. Whitesell stated he would discuss this with The Citizen's editor and that possibly, because of confidentiality issues; it may not be possible. The CoS stated that we must encourage commanders to stop this trend. The CoS added that we should be informing these commanders of counseling and DUI prevention classes being offered. Mr. Whitesell replied that he had already contacted several unit commanders on this matter to arrange DUI prevention classes, but the response had been poor. Mr. Maruska, Chief DCA, added that his organization had experienced 2 DUIs in the last 90 days. It was discussed that anyone involved in a DUI should be referred to ASAP, and that it is mandatory for military personnel to be referred to the ASAP by their commander. Mr. Whitesell added that in order to be pro-active he would talk to the 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Public Affairs Office (PAO) to develop an ongoing DUI awareness campaign utilizing the different media available.

6. Status-Hazards with Risk Assessment Extremely High and High, and Safety Related Work/Service Orders: Mr. Dreizler was the POC. One addition has been the inclusion of the risk assessment for the Patch Bks Back-Lot Club because of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) violations. Mr. Maruska, Chief DCA, commented that there are plans to move the club by next September. According to Mr. McFeat, Panzer Range Manager, it will take \$1.5 million to make all repairs necessary at the Panzer Range. The project to repair the baffles and tunnels on ranges 1 and 2 is awaiting signature. Range 3 is planned for next year. CSM Chavez asked about any disruptions to training. Mr. McFeat replied that the contract schedule had been set to ensure training could continue. It was also announced that Mr. McFeat would be leaving shortly and would be replaced by Mr. Toro. The safety related work/service orders were then reviewed.

7. Review of Medical Surveillance Program and Prescription Industrial Safety Glasses (PSIG) Program: Ms. Pat Kahn, 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Occupational Health Nurse, reported that of 25 LN medical surveillance appointments set up, only nine had been kept and that there were 16 no-shows. She said it was the supervisor's responsibility to ensure their personnel turned up for appointments. The CoS said she should send the list of the next appointments to him and he would make it happen. Ms. Kahn then explained the PSIG program, which enables the funding of prescription industrial glasses. This program is now centrally funded. Details were given of the form to be completed and the PSIG acquisition process.

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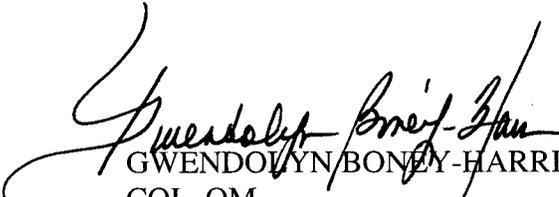
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8. Upcoming Safety Training/Events: Mr. Dreizler then informed the meeting of upcoming safety training and events. The status of the 6<sup>th</sup> ASG's compliance with the Army/USAREUR and IMA-E 2004 Summer Safety Campaign was presented and indicated that we are on track. Safety courses to be, or already offered in 2004, were presented and information given including TMP bus driver training, ADAC POV Safety checks, and the ADAC motorcycle and car driver safety training courses.

9. There were no further questions and COL Bonéy-Harris closed that meeting. She added that it had been a very good meeting and that a lot of good things were happening for the safety of the community.

10. Points of contact for these minutes are Mr. Hans T. Dreizler and Mr. Roger C.L. Smith at the 6<sup>th</sup> ASG Safety Office, DSN 421-2752.

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Attendance List



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