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1. THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED FOR COMMANDERS AT EVERY LEVEL. I ASK EACH OF YOU TO BE PERSONALLY ENGAGED IN OUR "101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER CAMPAIGN." WHILE THIS GENERAL FOCUS ON OUR SUMMER ACTIVITIES IS IMPORTANT, I HAVE IDENTIFIED TWO TRENDS THAT I ASK YOU TO PERSONALLY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL OUR PEOPLE. THE FIRST TREND FORECASTS AN INCREASE IN OUR FLIGHT MISHAPS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THE SECOND TREND IS OUR ALARMING TREND IN PMV MISHAPS.

2. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE HAD A BIKE IN FLIGHT MISHAPS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. A REVIEW SHOWS THAT NEARLY FIFTY PERCENT OF OUR ANNUAL TOTAL OCCURRED DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. EIGHTY PERCENT OF THESE MISHAPS INVOLVED AT LEAST ONE HUMAN FACTOR CAUSE THAT WAS PREVENTABLE AS YOUR UNIT'S #1 SAFETY OFFICER, I ASK THAT YOU REMIND OUR AIRMEN OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINING THE HIGH STANDARDS OF MISSION PLANNING AND EXECUTION THAT MAKES OURS THE GREATEST AIR FORCE IN THE WORLD. CHECKLIST, TECH DATA, MISSION BRIEFINGS, CANDID DEBRIEFINGS AND SHOWING THE MATURITY AND WISDOM TO CALL "KNOCK IT OFF" WHEN YOU KNOW IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO ALL, ARE A PART OF WHAT MAKES EACH OF YOU THE BEST AT WHAT YOU DO.

3. THE ADVERSE TREND IN PMV MISHAPS IS ALREADY HERE AND IT IS A NEEDLESS WASTE OF THE LIVES OF OUR AIRMEN. WE ARE EXPERIENCING A PARTICULARLY DISTURBING INCREASE IN OUR OFF-DUTY PMV FATAL MISHAPS. SO FAR THIS YEAR WE ARE WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S RATE, AND HAVE ALREADY SURPASSED THE FY 01 TOTAL WITH OVER FOUR MONTHS REMAINING IN FY 02. WE HAVE LOST 47 VALUABLE AIR FORCE MEMBERS TO TRAGIC AND SENSELESS VEHICLE ACCIDENTS. THE VICTIMS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY OUR YOUNG, MALE ENLISTED TROOPS, AND THE DEADLY FACTORS OF ALCOHOL, SPEED, OR DARKNESS ARE ALL TOO PREVALENT. THESE ARE TABULATED BELOW FOR USE IN YOUR SAFETY EFFORTS.

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	PMV 4	PMV 2	TOTAL
Alcohol	11	2	13
Speed	22	8	30
Darkness	23	4	27
Alcohol + Speed	1	0	1
Alcohol + Darkness	2	0	1
Darkness + Speed	5	1	6
Alcohol + Speed + Darkness	10	2	12
PPE Not Used	10	1	11

EVEN MORE TROUBLING, WE HAVE LOST 13 OF OUR YOUNG AIRMEN TO MOTORCYCLE MISHAPS, TYPICALLY A YOUNG NEW RIDER ON A CROTCH ROCKET WITH CAPABILITY BEYOND THE RIDER'S EXPERIENCE. ONE OBSERVATION FOR YOU FROM THE 55 & 355 WINGS ... BOTH ARE EXPERIENCING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW MOTORCYCLE RIDERS. DM WENT FROM 95 NEW RIDERS LAST YEAR TO 183 THIS YEAR. OFFUTT WENT FROM 140 TWO YEARS AGO TO 200+ SO FAR THIS YEAR. MANY OF OUR YOUNGER FOLKS HAVE ALSO UPGRADED TO MORE POWERFUL MOTORCYCLES IN THIS SAME PERIOD. THIS INCREASED USE OF MOTORCYCLES IS ONE OF MANY FACTORS WE ARE STUDYING. BUT AS WE TRY TO FORMULATE WAYS TO ADDRESS THE MOTORCYCLE ISSUE IN A FORMAL WAY YOU CAN HELP NOW -AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE. KNOW WHO YOUR MOTORCYCLE OWNERS ARE. ENCOURAGE THE OLDER, MORE EXPERIENCED RIDERS TO MENTOR THE YOUNGER OR NEWER RIDERS. TRY TO

FOSTER A LEADER/WINGMAN ETHIC AMONG YOUR MORORCYCLE RIDERS. ENCOURAGE GROUPS OF RIDERS WITH EXPERIENCE TO TAKE THE LEAD WHEN YOU CAN.

4. WE ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERRORISM AND I COMPLIMENT EACH OF YOU ON THE SUCCESS IN THAT ENDEAVOR. PROTECTION OF OUR ASSETS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THIS FIGHT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE. I NEED YOUR SUPPORT OUT THERE ON THE FRONT LINES TO MAKE SURE WE DEVELOP THE RIGHT MINDSET ABOUT RISK MANAGEMENT AND DOING THE JOB RIGHT. AS COMMANDERS AND LEADERS WE ARE ALL CHARGED WITH THE HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL: TO PROTECT OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE US AIR FORCE. GENERAL JUMPER SENDS

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