

## PEARL HARBOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) has an active Traffic Safety Program with a number of effective initiatives to its credit.

Thanks to this highly successful program, road hazards have been cleared all around the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex. In addition, the Command is sporting new traffic lights and sidewalks, re-paved roadways, newly designated cross walks, and re-marked old ones. Speed monitoring devices have been posted in strategic locations around the Command to alert and remind drivers



to comply with posted speed limits. In addition, traffic safety information is disseminated on a regular basis in the Command's bi-monthly newsletter, Safetygrams, Safety Alerts, and via the Intranet system.

The Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) staff at PHNSY & IMF plays a major role in the Command's Traffic Safety Program. In 1999, OSH staff members set up a Seat Belt Compliance Monitoring Program at the entrance to the PHNSY & IMF Controlled Industrial Area. Awards were distributed to compliant drivers. The OSH staff also spearheaded an initiative to install caution signs on all slow moving government-owned vehicles.



As part of the Traffic Safety Program, the PHNSY & IMF Safety Division has distributed "Learn to Know... the NO ZONE!" posters acquired from the Puget Sound Safety Office. These posters illustrate the blind spots around industrial vehicles and other heavy equipment where operators may not see pedestrians.

The Command's straddle trucks – one of the industrial vehicles featured on the poster - were recently inspected to ensure they are fitted with reflectors, back-up alarms, applicable safety signs, and personnel controls. These aids help operators to prevent mishaps while operating the straddle trucks. As a further safety net at this busy industrial complex, the OSH staff is backing an initiative to ensure that all Command government vehicles listed on the NO ZONE chart are equipped with back-up alarms.



Prior to major holidays, the Command's OSH staff, Federal Police Department, Public Works Department, PHNSY & IMF Facilities, and Public Affairs Office team up to remind personnel of the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Staff members see that attention-grabbing exhibits of wrecked motor vehicles are strategically placed throughout the base.

All of these Traffic Safety Program initiatives have contributed to an outstanding government motor vehicle safety record at PHNSY & IMF since 1997. Statistics compiled by the safety team showed a 5% decrease in motor vehicle mishaps between 1997 and 1998, and a 15% decrease between 1997 and 1999.

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