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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Benning's Risk Reduction Program

1. The Risk Reduction Program (RRP) was implemented at Fort Benning in 1996 to identify and prevent high-risk behaviors among our Soldiers. The Fort Benning Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) takes the key role in the RRP since substance abuse is associated with many destructive behaviors. Our vision is to enhance our units' combat readiness while improving the lives of our Soldiers.
2. The risk factors that are tracked are financial problems, spouse and child abuse, crimes against persons and property, traffic violations, alcohol and drug offenses, AWOLs, suicide gestures, sexually transmitted diseases, accidents, injuries, warning letters, eviction notices, chapter, courts martial, disciplinary actions and deaths. Data is collected on trainee, students and permanent party Soldiers from installation sources. Installation sources such as the Provost Marshal, ACS, AG, SWS, Preventive Medicine, Community Mental Health and the Staff Judge Advocate will provide accurate, timely information to the Alcohol and Drug Control Officer (ADCO). Installation data is included on the **Command and Staff Brief** at <https://www.benning2.army.mil/BEMIS/>.
3. **The ADCO will brief each major subordinate commander (MSC) and battalion commander quarterly.** This briefing is critical to make this program an effective tool to minimize high-risk behaviors. Battalion commanders will inform their company commanders of the information presented in the risk reduction briefing. Company commanders need to be reminded that our younger Soldiers are at increased risk to be involved in risk behaviors and may need mentoring by their chain of command.
4. Commanders at all levels will be proactive in helping to create a combat ready environment by immediately addressing high-risk behaviors.
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