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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Initial Military Training (IMT) Heat Injury Prevention 2007

1. Heat injuries can cause permanent disabilities and even death. IMT Soldiers are particularly vulnerable to heat injuries because they are not acclimatized and their training workload can exceed their bodies' cooling mechanisms in hot, humid weather. Leaders must implement aggressive heat injury prevention and early treatment efforts again this year to save Soldiers' lives.

2. IMT leaders reduced heat injuries in FY06 by diligently implementing preventive and treatment measures at the training sites. Emphasis should be given to modifying training/uniforms/equipment based on the previous 2 days' heat category, applying iced sheets before (or instead of) starting intravenous fluids, and recognizing mental status changes (more than body temperature) as an indicator of a heat injury.

3. The TRADOC FY07 heat injury training materials are located at http://www.tradoc.army.mil/surgeon/index.htm. The new heat injury prevention video is located at http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat/heatvideo.asp. You can also find heat injury prevention leader cards and posters at http://chppmwww.apgea.army.mil/heat/.

4. All IMT leaders need to be trained NLT 13 April 2007. Commanders will forward training completion reports to the TRADOC Surgeon's Office NLT 16 April 2007. The TRADOC Surgeon's office will report each unit's training status to DCG-IMT, and to CG, TRADOC, during the TRADOC Commander's Quarterly Review and Analysis.

5. Points of contact for this action are COL Jeffrey E. Short, TRADOC Surgeon, and LTC Michael L. Reiss, DSN 680-2097, (757)788-2097, emails: jeffrey.short@monroe.army.mil and michael.reiss@us.army.mil.

Thanks for all you do to keep our Soldiers safe while training to standard!!

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