



On the Road Again

Private motor vehicle mishaps continue to be the number one cause of fatalities in the Air Force during the summer. Although the percentage of PMV-related fatalities during the previous three CDS campaigns (2010, 2011, 2012) has decreased slightly (75 percent, 72 percent, and 69 percent, respectively), it remains, by far, the major cause of fatalities throughout the summer. Many of us wait for summer to take leave to enjoy the clear and dry road conditions for travel, the warm and sunny weather is just calling for us to get “On the Road Again.”

When you take your well-earned leave, keep in mind that your family, friends and co-workers want you to return rested and refreshed. To help you get back “*Safe 'n Sound,*” remember you have the responsibility to plan for and mitigate hazards. While the data on fatalities is published regularly, the data on reported Class Cs is not. Class C data should not be ignored because, as all safety professionals are aware, a Class C has the potential of becoming a Class A at any given moment. Sometimes the only difference is luck! Don’t let your luck run out this summer.

Listed below are websites that can help you plan your travels:

Link to Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS):

<https://trips.safety.army.mil/af/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2faf%2fdefault.aspx>

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/ConsumerNews/summer-safety-safety-summer-road-trips/story?id=11144976>

<http://community.mainlinehealth.org/Blogs/Well-Ahead/June-2012/Prevent-Drowsy-Driving-During-Summer-Road-Trips.aspx>

<http://www.travelviews.aaa.com/post/2011/06/03/Road-Trip-Preparation-Tips.aspx>

<https://www.aaafoundation.org/content/five-summer-dangers-and-tips-safer-cruising>

<http://trafficsafety.org/safety/risk/driver-fatigue-quiz>

A2A member A1C Victor Garcia experienced a mishap caused by falling asleep at the wheel.

To see his story or to contact an A2A member, visit: <http://www.af.mil/specials/AirmantoAirman/index.html> or contact your MAJCOM A2A POC.