



THE LATEST FROM THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

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**1. Recovering from Hurricane Sandy** -- The risks of Hurricane Sandy are not over. Recovery efforts can be hazardous. We need your help to ensure that Navy and Marine Corps personnel supporting Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts are aware of the hazards involved in cleanup work and take the necessary precautions to prevent serious injuries. The most common hazards are flood and mold hazards, electrical, tree trimming/debris, falls, portable generators, traffic hazards and construction hazards. You can help by sharing OSHA guidance at [www.osha.gov/sandy/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/sandy/index.html). This website, "Keeping Workers Safe during Hurricane Sandy Cleanup and Recovery," is a one-page index with links to fact sheets, concise "quick cards" of frequently asked questions, safety and health guides and other information in English and Spanish. There are also links to FEMA ([www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)) and other hurricane recovery assistance resources ([www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm](http://www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm)). The OSHA Press Release is at [www.osha.gov/sandy/](http://www.osha.gov/sandy/). For questions, contact your local Navy or Marine Corps safety office or the Naval Safety Center.



**2. National Safety Council Membership** -- The Naval Safety Center has purchased a Navy-wide membership to the National Safety Council. We've created a web page ([www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/osh/nscmembership.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/osh/nscmembership.aspx)) to help Navy military and civilian employees understand and access their National Safety Council member benefits. The page includes a presentation on National Safety Council membership resources; a direct log-in link to member-exclusive downloadable content; and detailed directions on how to obtain our membership number and set up a personal account. Most personnel will find what they need without having to establish a personal account. They will be able to find best practices, safety posters, safety talks and safety articles for work, at home, and while driving. Also available on the log-in page is a monthly Navy safety newsletter created by the National Safety Council.



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**3. Safety Training Update** -- Do you have Sailors who need to complete their NEC 9571 or their NEC 9595? Find the courses they need on the Naval Safety & Environmental Training Center's FY13 schedule, available at [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/navsafenvtracen/Pages/](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/navsafenvtracen/Pages/). First quarter fleet-support courses include Afloat Environmental Protection Coordinator, Aviation Safety Specialist, Emergency Asbestos Response Team, Respiratory Protection Program Manager, Safety Programs Afloat, and Submarine Safety Officer. Students should view the website, rather than CANTRAC, for class information. Quota availability and student enrollment will need to be conducted in eNTERS. Questions? Call LTJG Balint at (757) 445-8778, Ext. 362 (DSN 565), or e-mail to [melissa.balint@navy.mil](mailto:melissa.balint@navy.mil).

**4. Motorcycle Symposia Wrap-Up** -- During FY12, Naval Safety Center staff visited numerous fleet concentration areas, interacting with hundreds of leaders, motorcycle riders and Motorcycle Safety Representatives. Many of the policy changes drafted in to the revised OPNAVINST 5100.12J were a result of comments. Top issues included a shortage of trainer motorcycles; inadequate communications



between riders and their commands; lack of support for training by command middle management; need for more or better training options; improvements to ESAMS; and policies for base access. Communications is a common area of weakness for all stakeholders, including region commanders, COs and OICs, safety managers, CMCs and MSRs, contractors, CNIC, and the riders themselves. During the coming year, the Naval Safety Center staff will be conducting regional quality-assessment visits;

improving rider-related content on our website; working with the other services to standardize training and base access; and publishing /analyzing training data. Read the full wrap-up at [http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/ashore/motor\\_vehicle/MCY/motorcycle\\_symposia.docx](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/ashore/motor_vehicle/MCY/motorcycle_symposia.docx). Copies of the handouts for the MSRs are available at [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/ashore/motor\\_vehicle/MSR\\_playbook.pdf](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/ashore/motor_vehicle/MSR_playbook.pdf) and [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/ashore/motor\\_vehicle/MSR\\_quick-tips.pdf](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/ashore/motor_vehicle/MSR_quick-tips.pdf).

**5. Baseline Medical Surveillance Reporting Initiative Update** -- We are in the process of compiling and analyzing the many inputs we received from Echelon 2 commands pertaining to the Baseline Medical Surveillance Completion Report required by NAVADMIN 213/12. We had an outstanding response and your hard-charging efforts are greatly appreciated!

Our data analysis is ongoing but, so far, Navy-wide compliance is 87% for all 124 programs combined and 86% for hearing-conservation program audiograms. Although these numbers may seem acceptable, they should be viewed in the context of what the medical surveillance program is intended to do: identify physiological changes due to hazardous exposures at the earliest possible stage before disease arises and to ensure that personnel are healthy enough to perform certain jobs, functions, and tasks.



Over the coming months, the Naval Safety Center and Navy Medical Surveillance Working Group will review the data and lessons learned to identify improvements that can be made to the program process. This will help commands better identify, enroll, train, and track personnel requiring medical surveillance. It will also help commands improve their reporting and program oversight to ensure the health of their personnel.

Please visit the Naval Safety Center Medical Surveillance Toolbox web page at [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/pages/osh/medsurv.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/pages/osh/medsurv.aspx) for resources to help you manage a more effective medical surveillance program. You'll find links to instructions, training tools to help command program managers/stakeholders better understand the program and their roles and responsibilities, FAQs about medical surveillance tracking and reporting, and other helpful items.

We invite you to share any lessons learned that you may have identified during the medical surveillance reporting initiative, whether reporting helped your command better understand the program requirements and how to accomplish them, and what suggestions you have to improve reporting in the future. Please send us an email at [safe-medsurv@navy.mil](mailto:safe-medsurv@navy.mil).

**6. Winter Campaign Materials Being Mailed** -- This year, we're mailing a package of posters, handouts, presentations, and a CD to help commands plan, organize and create their local campaigns. The resources target a range of predictable hazards, but this package is just a starting point for an effective local safety campaign. Ideally, the materials will be adapted to the local command's mission, culture and locale. These campaigns are a great chance for personnel to share their experiences (both good and bad) and their expertise. Those who want to download materials can find them at [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/media/seasonal/Winter2012.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/media/seasonal/Winter2012.aspx).

