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**Family Housing Open Season Campaign** – CFAY Family Housing will have an Open Season Campaign starting April 6 to 17. The goal of this incentive based campaign is to increase the occupancy rate of military family housing located in Negishi and Ikego. Active duty military and Department of Defense personnel with transportation agreement and command sponsored family members residing off base or residing on base Yokosuka desiring to relocate are eligible. Incentives to participate include: government funded move, bedroom eligibility requirement waived, clock reset on five-year occupancy rule for civilians and no waiting list. This campaign is on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funding is available. Participants must have at least one year remaining on current tour and must sign an agreement not to request housing reassignment for remainder of tour. Sign up at the Yokosuka Housing Welcome Center, Building 1441 starting April 6, or call Sam Ogata at 243-8831 for more information.

**CFAY soliciting ideas for award money use** – Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) is requesting ideas on how to spend the award money that CFAY will get in conjunction with receiving the Commander in Chief Installation of the Year Award. If you have any ideas on how the money can be best utilized for the benefit of Sailors, civilians, contractors and families aboard CFAY, please send your suggestions to cfay.pao.watch@fe.navy.mil.

**Transportation Web Survey** – Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) needs your assistance in meeting the needs of the community with providing the safest and best quality transportation services. Whether you drive, walk, ride a bicycle or motorcycle, use the train or the installation bus, now is your chance to let us know how we can improve an area of your quality of life. Please take the time to complete a short but informative online survey that covers the different transportation modes available. The survey will also give community members living in Negishi and Ikego an opportunity to provide input on how they perceive transportation services. Data collected from this survey will be used in conjunction with a base-wide traffic study that was conducted several weeks ago to determine the best possible solutions for many of our roadway and transit areas of concern aboard CFAY. This survey will run from April 1-30 and can be accessed at the following Web site: http://www.gfnet.com/Survey/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=43K6m403852KG

**Cherry Blossom 1K/5K Run** – Beat the Spring Festival cherry blossom viewing crowds by getting out and participating in this family event April 4. The 1K Run starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K Run starts at 9 a.m., both in front of Thew Gym. The run will take you through areas of the base where the blossoms are sure to be spectacular! No pre-registration is required for this free event. T-shirts will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. This event is in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is being conducted in conjunction with the Fleet and Family Support Center. Call Wellness and Fitness at 241-4486 for more information.

**CFAY Heating Season Ends** – In support of current Navy and National Energy policies, the Public Works Department has begun shutting off heat in accordance with the following schedule:

- March 27-28: Industrial-warehouses and shops.
- March 30-31: Office-general offices and administrative areas
- April 1-2: Common areas-retail and clubs.
- April 3-4: Living areas-family housing, Bachelor Officer and Enlisted Quarters and schools.

**BZ:** A special Bravo Zulu goes out to both David Schoeve and Travis Farmer of the fine One-net staff for their hard work, care and friendly customer service recently. My office computer was not working properly and after it was determined the computer would need to be reimaged, a work ticket was submitted. Both Travis and David were very helpful in explaining what needed to be done and how long it would take. They maintained contact with me to keep me updated on the status and, most importantly, helped me to continue my work by providing a laptop for me while I waited for my desktop computer to be repaired and returned. Without their assistance, I would not have been able to complete my assigned tasks which would have adversely affected multiple organizations throughout the base. Their excellent customer service and friendly demeanor while taking the time to explain what needed to be done really helped in dealing with what could have been a stressful time. Thank you!

Action Line correspondence may be edited for length and readability. Your questions, suggestions and "Bravo Zulu" comments are appreciated. Address concerns with your chain of command or directly with the parties involved, at the lowest level possible. If you don't get results, send an e-mail to cfay.pao.watch@fe.navy.mil. We welcome your feedback, especially if it is of a general nature and can help others. To contact the Seahawk, call 243-5607/3003 or send an e-mail to: Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil.

**New CFAY Web site URL –** Effective immediately, the new CFAY Web site URL is *www.cnic.navy.mil/yokosuka*.

# April is Alcohol Awareness Month

## *– Seriousness of drunk driving –*

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Drunk driving is the nation's most frequently committed crime, killing more than 17,000 people. More than 500,000 people are injured in alcohol related crashes each year, an average of one person per minute, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

According to a Center for Disease Control report, between 1997 and 2002, more than 2,000 children died in traffic accidents involving drunken drivers. Of the children killed, about 70 percent were riding in a car with a driver who had been drinking.

About 1.4 million drivers were arrested in 2001 for driving under the influence (DUI). Of those, 50-70 percent continue to drive with a suspended license. DUI charges differ from state to state, but an example of punishment includes over $1,000 fine, three years of probation, 3-5 days community work and first offender school.

Alcohol related crashes cost the public an estimated $115 billion annually, including an estimated $64 billion lost in quality of life due to those crashes according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Nationally, the economic costs for drunk driving comes from medical, emergency services, market productivity, insurance administration, workplace costs, legal costs and more. The estimated cost per injured survivor in 2000 was $99,000.

More than 1,400 people under the age of 21 were killed in traffic accident in 2003 during spring break. Of those, 451 lost their lives in alcohol related crashes according to NHTSA.

Federal government dietary guideline says, moderate drinking is no more than one drink per day for women, and no more than two drinks per day for men. The average person metabolizes alcohol at the rate of about one drink per hour. Only time will sober a person up. According to MADD, drinking strong coffee, exercising or talking a cold shower will not help.

Impairment is not determined by the type of drink, but rather by the amount of alcohol ingested over a specific period of time. Beer is the most commonly consumed by people stopped by alcohol-related driving or involved in alcohol-related crashes. It is important to know that the standard serving of all types of alcohol, beer, wine and distilled spirit each contains the same amount of alcohol according to the Distilled Spirits Council.

When police stop suspected drunk drivers, typically they require drivers to blow into a breathalyzer to determine blood alcohol contents (BAC). Recent reports by the Wall Street Journal say that now more states are requiring authorities to take blood sample by force if needed. Currently Alaska, Arizona, Iowa, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada and Texas have laws that allow police officers to obtain blood test in DUI cases. Seven other states passed laws that permit police to take blood without the driver's consent. Most people show measurable mental impairment at around .05 BAC.

MADD is the largest crime victim's assistance organization in the world with more than three million members and supporters. The organization helped lower the BAC level from .10 to .08. The mission of MADD is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and to prevent underage drinking.

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