

# Safe start to fiscal year 2011 for the

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NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- After completing fiscal year (FY) 2010 with record low numbers of fatalities and Class A mishaps in many categories, the Navy enjoyed a solid start to FY11 in October and November 2010.

"Clearly, personal accountability is a big reason the mishap numbers are improving," said Rear Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, commander, Naval Safety Center. "Whether it's the risk of driving while fatigued, riding a motorcycle too fast or over-extending themselves during off-duty activities, Sailors realize that they have choices, and they are choosing to manage those risks. They are accountable to themselves and their shipmates, and they're making decisions that lead to success."

For the entire Navy, there has been one fatality in FY11. A Sailor lost his life in a physical training-related incident in late October 2010. This time last year, the navy had endured three on-duty fatalities, five personal motor vehicle fatalities and one off-duty recreation fatality.

Johnson noted the positive trend, but said this is no time to get complacent.

"FY11 is off to a great start in terms of mishaps and injuries. As we move forward into the holiday season, leadership engagement will continue to be very important. Find out what your Sailors are plan-

ning and help them be successful," said Johnson.

With the approaching holidays there is the potential for increased mishaps, when Sailors are more likely to travel long distances to visit family members and friends. There are tools available to reduce these risks, such as the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS). TRiPS is an online risk survey accessed through Navy Knowledge Online. More than 200,000 TRiPS surveys have been completed to date, and there hasn't been a single fatality for any Sailor traveling on an approved assessment.

TRiPS also enables personal counseling, by sending the survey to the Sailor's direct supervisor. That way, the two can discuss the planned travel and work together to make adjustments that will make the drive safer. These adjustments include allowing the Sailor to leave work a little early to get started on the drive during daylight hours.

Managing risk appropriately is the best way to eliminate preventable mishaps, said Johnson. He also believes that Sailors across the fleet deserve credit for the steps they've taken to make the Navy a safer place. He said these improving trends are more than just a statistic.

"It's not just a number when we talk about reducing fatalities and injuries," said Johnson. "We are enhancing our mission readiness."

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