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Project Convergence 21 to showcase abilities of the joint force

By Joseph Lacdan

For the first time, each of the nation's military services will test its sensor-to-sensor capabilities as a joint force during the second iteration of the Army's Project Convergence this fall.

By incorporating the other services, including the newly-formed Space Force, the Army will take the next step in augmenting joint all-domain operations capabilities.

The first Project Convergence, which occurred last fall, focused primarily on the Army's role in joint concept. The establishment of the joint board of directors in December paved the foundation for the involvement of the other

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A U.S. Army autonomous weapons system, known as Origin, maneuvers through desert terrain as weapons testing commences during Project Convergence 20 at Yuma Proving Ground. Aug. 25, 2020. During Project Convergence 21 in November, the Army will collaborate with five other military branches, including the newly-formed Space Force. (U.S. Army photo)

Yuma Proving Ground keeps COVID at bay

By Mark Schauer

After a summer lull in new COVID infections, the significantly more-contagious Delta variant of the virus sent cases upwards across most of the United States.

As of Aug. 23, the daily number of new cases, which has been in single digits for months, had risen to an average of 57 per day, close to the highest number recorded during 2021.

Like the majority of Army installations at present, Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is now at health Protection Condition

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Soldier spotlight



By Ana Henderson

Staff Sgt. Ahmed Elinbabi is currently assigned as a Healthcare Non-Commissioned Officer for the Airborne Test Force at Yuma Proving Ground.

Elinbabi is originally from New Brunswick, New Jersey and enlisted in the Army in 2012.

During his time in the Army, he's been deployed to Fort Bragg, N.C. as a line medic, to Iraq as a senior line medic, up to Alaska as an evacuation platoon squad leader and to Guam as a medic.

Elinbabi would like to attend the Military Free Fall School and become a Jumpmaster.

His hobbies include cooking, baking, going to the gym,

traveling internationally, riding his motorcycle, hiking with his dog, carpentry, reading, scuba diving, and playing video games.



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YPG Commissary now offering enhanced online ordering/curbside delivery service

By Kevin Robinson

The new and improved Commissary CLICK2GO is now featuring online payment and more product information than ever before, the online ordering/curbside delivery service is being expanded to all stateside commissaries by the end of the year, and to overseas stores soon thereafter.

At Yuma Proving Ground, Annex Store Manager Randy Kreiser says they are now offering the service to their customers.

Because of grocery shopping trends, DeCA has been galvanized to bring online ordering, payment and pick-up options to all commissary-eligible patrons.

Here's a brief rundown of Commissary CLICK2GO's new features:

- Improved navigation and search functions to help customers plan healthy meals and take care of their family's needs
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- Upgraded mobile-friendly experience, to include seeing order history for ease in re-ordering desired products

• Online payment
"Perhaps the most significant enhancement is online payment," said Bill Moore, director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency.

"You place your order and pay online, and then it's simply a matter of driving up to the curbside delivery area of your commissary to have your groceries loaded into your vehicle – that's a streamlined process our customers expect in this information age."

Information on how the service works is found on commissaries.com with dedicated sections such as "How CLICK2GO Works." First-time customers will need to create an account.

"Commissary CLICK2GO builds on the vital benefit we

deliver exclusively for our military community and their families – we deliver the savings but we have to improve on convenience and CLICK2GO does just that," Moore said. "With it, patrons near and far can plan, order and pay for their purchases on-line and simply swing by the store to get them. It makes the commissary worth the trip and I envision it will enable us to eventually offer delivery – where our patrons can enjoy their hard-earned benefit from the comfort of their homes or barracks."

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The Commissary CLICK2GO service is now available at the Yuma Proving Ground commissary. (U.S. Army photo)


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Yuma Proving Ground recognizes Suicide Prevention Month

By Chris Lee

U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is joining the Department of Defense (DOD) in promoting Suicide Prevention Month (SPM) to educate the military community about suicide prevention, resources, and steps everyone can take to protect one another against suicide. Each September, DOD observes Suicide Prevention Month to promote prevention resources across military communities and share ways to take simple action to Be There for others and themselves.

This year's SPM campaign slogan is Connect to Protect: Support is Within Reach, highlighting the important role connections with family, friends, the community, and resources play in preventing suicide, especially in these unique and challenging times. Research indicates connectedness is a protective factor against some of the risk factors for suicide, such as loneliness or feeling



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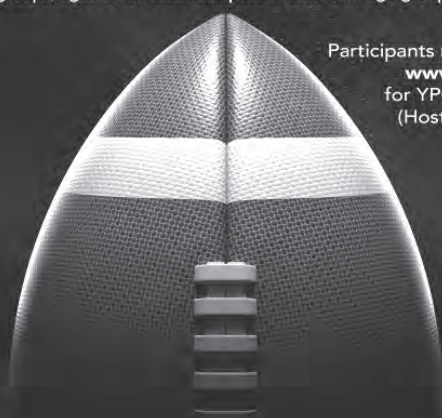
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like a burden. The slogan reinforces how everyone within reach – leaders, Service members, and families – can play a role in preventing suicide.

"My heart cries anytime we lose anyone to suicide. My heart cries out if we lose a YPG Family member to suicide. No one is alone. We are all in this together," remarked YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall.

Throughout September, and every month, take time to connect to co-workers, friends, family and your community. Suicide Prevention starts with making a connection. It is also important to know where support is available. The Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, Family Advocacy Program Manager, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Army Community Services Specialist, Installation Chaplain, and Equal Opportunity Office are all available to assist you with support and connection to community resources.

McFall encouraged reaching out. "If you feel alone, please reach out.

If someone observes someone feeling down or withdrawn, please take a moment to reach out to that person. Everyone matters. We have resources available to assist anyone."

Service members and veterans who are in crisis or having thoughts of suicide, and those who know a Service member or veteran in crisis, can call the Veterans/Military Crisis Line for confidential support available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, text to 838255 or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.


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As we are observing the 20th anniversary of the attacks against the United States by 19 terrorists, it is difficult. There are mixed emotions and conflicting thoughts.

The loss of lives of people who were just minding their own business on the ground or on a flight shook the soul of the nation. For a few days that stretched into weeks, the normal things we allow to distract and divide us didn't matter, we were "united we stand..." in the face of evil and suffering. But we were changed.

Some of you hadn't considered military service before and now that was what was on the top of your, "what I'm going to do after I graduate" list. I was an Army Reservist non-commissioned officer that was on alert by 1100 eastern time to have my bags packed and be ready to put life on hold once there were orders. I moved up my plans to propose to my girlfriend. Becoming a Chaplain or coming on active duty weren't on my radar. Life has gone much differently than planned.

Depending on where you were and how old you were, you likely have parts of your story that changed on Sept. 11, 2001, or in its aftermath. The experiences since then have been many and vary widely. Some people who had a different plan for their lives became heroes, sacrificing their lives for their beliefs and for the sake of their families and friends to live according to the freedoms we often take for granted. Others made great sacrifices of time while deployed, or of their future abilities

as they suffered injuries, seen and unseen, "over there."

We like happy endings, that the Afghan people were able to grow and prosper out from under the rule of the Taliban and their allies, Al Qaeda. But it hasn't turned out that way. There are lots of questions that will go unanswered. But I know that other than Yuma Proving Ground chapel, the location I've preached the most was a chapel that no longer exists in Khost, Afghanistan to a mixed audience. I spent time each day while doing physical training praying for the people of Afghanistan, I spent money in the bazaar with Afghan business owners. I believe those things were not without a lasting effect.

Those who served in Afghanistan, and Iraq, will remember the good that we attempted. We will remember those that we lost and honor their memory and we will not be alone. Our families and communities will remember, our enemies will remember that we are a well-trained and deadly enemy. While we may never see it, there is a generation of Afghani and Iraqi people who have seen a different way of life. They too will remember that the Americans, and their partners, came to offer a different way than previous generations had known.

As we observe this milestone anniversary, it is important to keep moving forward, but I will ask each person to pause and pray. Pray for the families of those who died or were injured, that they may have peace. Pray for the living, that we will not grow weary in doing what is right, even when it hurts. Finally, pray that we will remember, and continue to move forward together.

Antiterrorism awareness just as vital as ever



Yuma Proving Ground Antiterrorism Officer Alfonso Brown, visits James D. Price Elementary School to educate Principal Jarrod Norris about antiterrorism. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

By Mark Schauer

The United States today has an overwhelming anti-terrorism capability.

Since the World Trade Center and Pentagon were attacked in 2001, the federal government annually spends upwards of \$15 billion on counterterrorism efforts.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that more than 50 terrorist plots against the United States have been foiled since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as were multiple attacks in decades prior to that fateful day.

A common theme in successful counterterrorism operations is people reporting and following up on suspicious activity, be they law enforcement officials or ordinary citizens. This is the message of the Army's annual Antiterrorism Month, and since its inception Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) personnel have sought to raise awareness as creatively as possible.

"YPG's test mission is very important," said Alfonso Brown, antiterrorism officer. "Our country has adversaries, and with adversaries come threats—we can't get complacent in what we do."

The terrorist threat persists, and reporting unusual activity could be

the vital difference that foils a deadly act.

"Everything goes through the workforce," said Brown. "They are the command's eyes and ears on the ground."

"If you see something suspicious, say something, because it all starts with you," said Col. Patrick McFall, YPG Commander. "Everyone has the responsibility and duty to do this. The terrorism threat remains, and we must remain vigilant."

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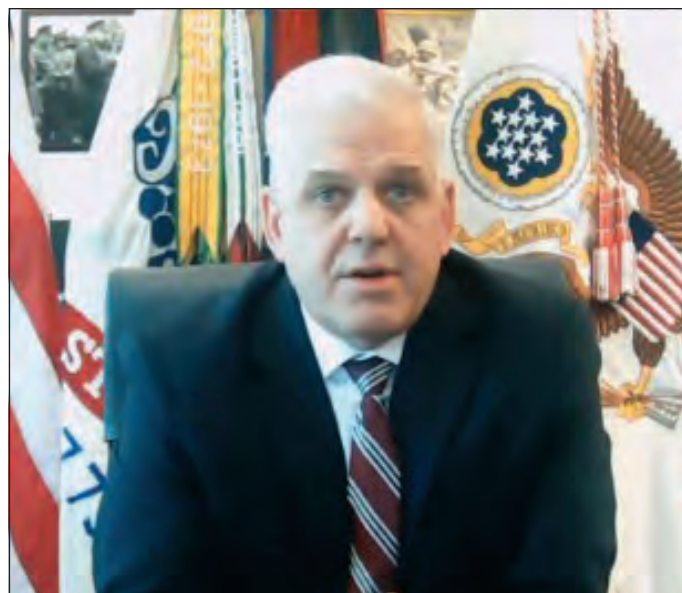
services for Project Convergence 21, which is set to begin in November.

“The Army approaches [the future fight] with the belief that we will never fight alone,” said Gen. John M. Murray, who leads Army Futures Command. “We have never fought alone in history when you look at the other services, and I don’t see any possible future where any one service is going to be able to go alone. I think it’s always going to be the power that the joint force brings.”

Speaking during a Potomac Officers Club virtual forum Aug. 12, Murray said that near-peer adversaries Russia and China have tried to replicate the success of the U.S. joint force, and that will be the key to U.S. success on the future battlefield. Collaboration among the services will be a critical element in the future fight, he said.

The joint exercises will also help the Army prepare for the changing nature of warfare, said Christopher Lowman, senior official performing the duties of undersecretary of the Army.

“Any conflict, particularly within the Indo-Pacific or Europe, will be fought across all domains and the Army will need to be prepared to physically secure terrain, as it always has,” Lowman said. “We must also be prepared to fight for that terrain in increasingly complex



Christopher Lowman, left, the senior official performing the duties of the undersecretary of the Army, and Gen. John M. Murray, commander of Army Futures Command, discuss the importance of the joint force on the future battlefield during a live discussion hosted by the Potomac Officers Club on Aug. 12, 2021. (Screenshot)

scenarios as part of a joint force, and alongside allies and partners in an environment characterized by well-developed anti-access areas.”

The origins of the exercises began after conversations between Maj. Gen. Ross Coffman, director of the Next Generation Combat Vehicle Cross-Functional Team, and Murray in early 2020. Coffman wanted to test linking ground sensors to ground vehicles using an automated target and detection system, in the backdrop of the harsh desert environment in Arizona. The exercise would provide shooters with options and automate a portion of the kill chain.

The network capabilities to make this happen have expanded to space as the Army intends to use targeting data collected from low-Earth orbit satellites.

The series of exercises will have “joint use” cases that will test joint, all-domain situational awareness, as the Army will link with other military services to provide the joint services commander situational awareness over the battlespace. Each of the participating services will link sensors and display a “common operating picture,” Murray said.

“[Project Convergence 21] is focused on integrating coalition;

that premise that we will always fight together, therefore, we should always train together,” Murray said. “Why not experiment and learn together to see how to make these things work? Each of the services has hundreds of billions of dollars of legacy material and equipment.”

One of the most significant challenges so far with this project has been joint, all-domain air missile defense.

“Each of the services has capability at least from a sensing standpoint,” Murray said. “The Navy and Army really have the interceptors but never have all of those capabilities been linked together to enable the best sensor to the best shooter regardless of service in an air defense standpoint.”

The Army will also attempt to enable joint fires by empowering platforms and shooters through ground sensing, similar to what the Army attempted to achieve in Project Convergence 20, but this time from a joint perspective.

Finally there will be four joint use cases involving ground forces that will be heavily Army and Marine Corps focused.

The Army also planned four communications exercises leading up to PC 21, including one held in

April at Army Combat Capabilities Development Command’s Joint System Integration Lab, or JSIL, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Murray added that the Army will begin integrating technologies of partner nations almost immediately after PC 21 concludes.

Murray said that the 82nd Airborne Division and its commander will have a featured role in PC 21 as a command post will be set up at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A military intelligence outstation will also be established at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. The service will then test command and control operations at long distances with troops stationed at Yuma Proving Ground.

Murray said that the tests may not prove to be successful, but the results can help inform how to improve the Joint All-Domain Command and Control, or JADC2, process.

“Project Convergence is actually a journey as opposed to a destination. We call it our campaign of learning,” Murray said. “Some people would describe it as a demonstration, some would describe as an exercise. It’s all of that and more.”



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(HPCON) Bravo.

“We made a change in policy,” said Col. Patrick McFall, YPG Commander. “We were unmasked if you were indoors or riding in cars if you were vaccinated: now, regardless of vaccination status, you will be masked when indoors or riding in a car with another person.”

The COVID mitigation measures apply to everybody.

“HPCON Bravo and the mask policy applies to anybody who comes on this post,” said McFall. “If you make a decision to come on this post, you will comply with those policies: that applies to tenant units.”

Though the health condition has changed on post, post life continues mostly as it has in recent times. Facilities that were closed during the worst days of the pandemic, such as fitness facilities and restaurants, remain open for business with mitigation measures in place.

“Bravo does not take away the use of the fitness facilities or gym,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill. “We just need to make sure we are wearing our masks in the gym and cleaning up after ourselves. In order to prevent the spread of COVID, we are going to have to make sure that we maintain safety and cleanliness at all times.”

Myth-busters

Even after 18 months in a COVID environment that has claimed 630,000 American lives, two pieces of misinformation persist: that COVID-19 is equivalent to seasonal influenza in terms of threat, and that the rapidly-developed COVID vaccines that are messenger ribonucleic acids (mRNA)-based are risky ‘experimental gene therapy.’

In 2017-18, the worst flu season of the past decade, 61,000 Americans died of influenza. The average annual death rate from influenza during that same period was 36,000.

“COVID is a novel virus that is pandemic: it is new, and seen across



Many Yuma Proving Ground Soldiers and civilians chose vaccinated to protect against COVID-19. Vaccines are still available at the Yuma Proving Ground Medical Clinic. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

the world,” said Col. Luis Rivero, Preventive Medicine Director at Fort Irwin, California’s Weed Army Community Hospital, which oversees YPG’s Health Clinic. “Seasonal flu at this point will be sporadic: a peak here or surge there, but not to the degree of having a persistent worldwide effect.”

Though they are the first of their kind to reach the mass market, scientists have been exploring mRNA as a means for producing vaccines for nearly 30 years. The anti-COVID vaccines teach the body to recognize COVID’s ‘spike’ proteins, causing an immune response and creating antibodies to counter them. Two versions of mRNA vaccines—one manufactured by Moderna, one by Pfizer-- have been approved in the United States so far. The vaccines do not contain a live virus, never enter the cell nucleus, and do not interact with a person’s DNA.

“It’s messenger RNA that they are putting into you,” explained Maj. Ashley Aiton, Officer in Charge of the YPG Health Clinic. “It doesn’t go into the center of the cell where the DNA is housed, it’s sending a message just for spike proteins so your body recognizes them. It’s not going to change your genetic makeup.”

The vaccines cannot cause COVID-19, and there is substantial evidence that they prevent COVID infection. Additionally, instances of so-called ‘breakthrough’ infections

in individuals who have received the vaccine tend to be less severe than what is experienced by those who are not vaccinated.

“Our experience in Yuma, where I’m stationed at Fort Irwin, and across Army installations is that even if you have a breakthrough infection, the vaccine is helpful in terms of reducing the length of the illness and the severity of the symptoms you experience,” said Rivero.

As of Aug. 23, 52 of the 61 hospitalized COVID patients in Yuma County—85%-- were unvaccinated. Doctors note that the recent spike in COVID cases is resulting in far fewer hospitalizations than during the peak in December of last year.

“Looking at trends in the local area, while cases might be going up, the number of people hospitalized or dying are not spiking to the same extent as before,” said Aiton. “The spike among the hospitalized is definitely among non-vaccinated versus vaccinated people, in both intensive care and regular beds.”

For those who have yet to get a vaccine, they are now widely available at local pharmacies, as well as the Yuma County Health Department and YPG Health Clinic. In addition to the granting full approval to the Pfizer vaccine, FDA officials have recently authorized a third ‘booster’ immunization for people who are severely immunocompromised, or who have

gone longer than eight months since their second COVID inoculation.

“The guidance that we’re giving personnel is to speak with their health care providers,” said Aiton. “If their provider feels they need a booster, they can request it through us or get it in town.”

Protecting children

An acute concern among the workforce was the effects the Delta variant of COVID could have on children under 12, who remain ineligible to receive COVID immunizations. YPG’s leadership points out that significant safeguards exist in all of YPG’s on-post childcare centers.

“We follow Center for Disease Control measures in all of our facilities,” said Ron James Garrison Manager. “The Child Development Center and CYS are strictly regulated: there are health inspections regularly and higher cleanliness standards. We have a very regimented process for those facilities that have been amplified due to COVID.”

Decisions regarding whether or not to temporarily close a childcare facility are carefully considered.

“It isn’t any one person that says to close or open or consolidate a facility: it is a group of the medical professionals, the CYS professionals, and the commander,” said James. “We get the team involved to make wise decisions that are best for our children and our families.”

James observed that the surest way adults can protect vulnerable children is by adhering to Centers for Disease Control guidance and Army policy.

“We can help the children by staying masked ourselves,” said James. “If there is a roof over your head and you are not in a private residence, you should have a mask on.”

“The Army is taking this extremely seriously, and we are taking this seriously,” added McFall. “I know it’s not comfortable in this weather in a mask, but we’re protecting national security,” said McFall. “We’re protecting our greatest asset, which is you.”

Lightning show



A MWR employee closing up the pool captured these photos of the lightning during the July 30 monsoon storm. (Photos courtesy of Mindy Cordova)

U.S. Rep. Gosar visits YPG



U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar paid a visit to the proving ground on the morning of Aug. 13. YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall provided him a command overview and escorted him on a tour of YPG's cutting edge test instrumentation, along with an up close and personal look at Extended Range Cannon Artillery, part of the Army's top modernization priority. "YPG is the diamond in the desert," said Gosar after his visit. "This is where everything happens, where we're seeing new technology merge with new application on the battlefield; making sure it's cost effective and, more importantly, what the Soldier on the ground needs." (Photo by Mark Schauer)

Reading fun at library




The Summer Reading Program wrapped up on Aug. 19 and the library staff hosted a party to celebrate everyone who participated. Yuma Proving Ground employees along with students from the Youth Services program were treated to refreshment, goodies and swag bags. (Photos courtesy of Bea Brimmage)



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Reporting safety issues to service desk gets problems resolved fast

By Ana Henderson

At Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) safety is the top priority. One step to keeping the YPG community and workforce safe is reporting unsafe conditions, so they are addressed quickly. YPG Installation Safety Director Ronald Van Way encourages the YPG community and workforce to report unsafe conditions to the Shearwater Mission Support (SMS) Facilities Management service desk via phone or SharePoint.

“Shearwater is awesome about it and they respond expeditiously,” remarks Van Why.

Some examples of hazards that should be immediately reported to the SMS service desk are overgrown trees and bushes that are blocking stop signs, knocked down signs, holes in the roadway, broken or faulty windows, water leaks, and broken outlets.

Many times people email the safety office or will submit a safety gram about a safety issue. While those Safety Grams are each reviewed and addressed, it’s not as expedited as submitting a work ticket. Van Why suggests using a Safety Gram to report unsafe practices, unsafe acts, or to request a procedural change.

“The requests we cannot get resolved, like the high money

issues, stay active and get presented to the Commander and the Garrison Manager so they are aware of it as well,” he said. “There is not a single item that is submitted that does not get attention.”

He does note that calling the Service Desk and submitting a safety gram is appropriate in some cases.

Taylor Cornett, SMS work receptionist, is tasked with putting service orders into action. She explains if a member of the mission workforce submitting a service order can either call or submit the request through SharePoint. If a community member is making the report since they do not have access to SharePoint, they need to call, email SMS, or visit the office. Soldiers in the barracks can use the ARMA App.

Once the service order is approved by the contracting office representative and resource management, SMS work receptionists can task a technician with the assignment through communication over the radio net. In an emergency, the best practice is to call the Service Order Desk at extension 3005 so that SMS staff can expedite the service order and dispatch a crew.

“From the time I receive the call and receive approval from the DPW to respond, on average, the appropriate craftsmen are dispatched in under 10 minutes,” remarks Cornett.

Emergency or not, Cornett says the work order gets attention quickly to ensure the customers’ needs are addressed in a timely and professional manner.



Once the service order is approved by the contracting office representative or resources management SMS service clerks can then task a technician with the assignment. In the case of emergency, best practice is to call so that SMS staff can expedite the work order and dispatch a crew. The SMS service desk can be reached by calling extension 3005.

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Track and Submit

- Work Requests Dashboard
- YPG Facilities Management (FSO)
- REC Dashboard

Safety Awareness: Cold weather safety

By Jeni Williams

The September Safety Awareness Training topics cover cold weather safety and hazard communications using the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

Surviving the arctic climate is not something we think about in Yuma but for those at Cold Regions Test Center in Alaska it's a real concern. In the winter, cold temperatures (average lows of -60 degrees below) and extreme wind chills make it dangerous to venture outdoors without the proper clothing and equipment. Some items to be sure to have on hand are: emergency compact blanket, gloves, tea-light candle, water proof matches/fire starter, whistle, utility knife, first aid kit, hand warmers, compass, crank powered flashlight, etc.

The Hazard Communication Standard is now aligned with the GHS of classification and labeling of chemicals. Core elements of the GHS include universal warning

pictograms, standardized testing criteria and consistent safety data sheets and provides users of dangerous/hazardous materials with a lot of important information pertaining to the materials in use.

For more information on cold weather safety and hazard communications log on to Sharepoint under "hot topics."

After viewing the training material use the drop down menu located below the training link under Acknowledgements, choose the training you have completed and then click on the small square box just below the training title (your name and date will auto populate) then click "submit." The square box must be clicked in order for the training/signature to be validated. The Safety Office will then send you a completed certificate for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeni Williams at (928) 328-2323/ (928) 581-6920 or via email at jeni.m.williams2.civ@mail.mil

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