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Upgrade and repair

Stryker Reset Branch brings vehicles back to spec

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

The Stryker Reset Structure Branch, located in the depot's Combat Vehicle Repair Facility, performs Phase I and II processes for Stryker vehicles being reset on the installation.

During reset, a Stryker is assessed for needed repairs and upgrades then reworked to meet current specifications.

During phases I and II of the

reset process, the power pack is removed and sent out for repairs, fuel is conditioned, heaters and winches are serviced and the suspensions and internal components in need of repair or upgrade are reworked.

"We put the Strykers together, get them completely assembled, road test them and send them to Phase III, which is the final testing phase," said Milton Hamby, a leader for the Stryker Reset Structure Branch.

• Additional photos can be seen on page 5 - STRYKER



Photos by Jennifer Bacchus

Jonathan Nabors repairs a boss to attach the chain box on the exterior of a Stryker vehicle being reset at Anniston Army Depot.

Benny Bruno, top, and Chase Parton replace a strut on the suspension of a Stryker vehicle.

Follow the rules for holiday gift-giving

by Susan Bennett

ANAD Legal Office

The holiday season should be a time to reflect, rejoice and renew, but it must be done within the ethical rules, so as to preserve professionalism and impartiality. The general rule is that federal personnel may not accept gifts offered because of their official positions.

Questions usually arise when supervisors or contractors are involved in the gift-giving. With the holidays approaching, employees should make sure they follow these important ethics rules.

Gifts from contractors

Federal employees normally may not accept a gift from a contractor employee or any non-federal person or entity seeking to do business with the government. There are exceptions to the general rule:

- Federal personnel may accept gifts (other than cash) not exceeding \$20 from a prohibited source, as long as the total amount of gifts from that source does not exceed \$50 for the year.

- Federal personnel may accept gifts, even from a contractor employee, based on a bona fide personal relationship (for example, a federal employee may accept a gift from her brother who works for a contractor as long as the personal gift is actually paid for by the contractor employee rather than the contractor.)

- Federal personnel may generally attend an open-house or reception and accept any gift of refreshments if it is a widely-attended gathering and the employee's supervisor determines it is in the agency's interest for the employee to attend.

- Federal personnel may accept invitations (even from contractors) which are open to the public, to all government employees or to all military personnel.

- Federal personnel may accept



Courtesy photo

Gifts between federal employees and those they work with - whether contractors or supervisors - are covered by ethics regulations.

invitations offered to a group or class not related to government employment (for example, an employee who is a garden club member may attend an event for the garden club offered by a company who is also a government contractor).

- Refreshments consisting of soft drinks, coffee, pastries or similar items not constituting a meal may be accepted, since they are not considered a gift.

- Outside business or other relationship results in attendance at an event. For example, a federal employee's spouse works at BAE Systems. The federal employee may accompany the spouse to the BAE Systems' holiday party, since the invitation is to the spouse as a BAE Systems employee and not to the federal employee because of his or her position.

Gifts between federal employees

Gifts between supervisors and subordinates are covered by different ethics rules.

The general rule is supervisors may not accept gifts from subordinates or federal personnel who receive less pay. Again, there are exceptions to this general rule:

- During holidays, which occur on an occasional basis, supervisors

may accept gifts (other than cash) of \$10 or less from a subordinate.

- Supervisors may accept food and refreshments shared in the office and may share in the expenses of an office party.

- If a subordinate is invited to a social event at the supervisor's residence, the subordinate may give the supervisor a hospitality gift of the type and value customarily given on such an occasion.

- If you are a supervisor, you may offer an invitation to subordinates for a party at your residence and accept a personal hospitality gift that is customarily provided on the occasion. If you are a subordinate, there are no restrictions on offering or accepting invitations to a party and a personal hospitality gift from your supervisor or a co-worker.

There are no legal restrictions on gifts given between non-supervisory employees or gifts given by a supervisor to subordinates. However, common sense (and good taste) should always apply!

If you need any clarification of the ethics rules, speak with an ethics counselor at the Anniston Army Depot Legal Office by calling 256-235-6518.

2014 a banner year for LBDO team

by Johnny Thompson

ANAD LBDO

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Fiscal year 2014 was another success story for the Business Development Team in the Logistics and Business Development Office.

The BD Team's mission is to gain additional workload by developing partnerships with industry.

Essentially, they work with industry to develop partnerships programs generating new workload and developing new skills and capabilities for Anniston Army Depot.

The BD team closed the year out with 39 active partnerships – 24 in direct sales, eight in workshare and seven in facilities use – totaling \$120.5 million in revenue.

The continual expansion of the ANAD partnering program demonstrates capability and relevancy for future operations and postures the workforce and partners for an expansion of capabilities into new types of partnerships in the near future.

The team continues to adapt to the changing partnering environment in order to generate new workload.

The BD team developed and executed seven new partnerships in FY14 worth \$11.2 million.

These partnerships included the M109A7 Self Propelled Howitzer (formerly referred to as Paladin Integrated Management), M88 with BAE systems, two partnerships on the U.S. Marine Corps Secondary Reparables contract, a new blanket ordering agreement for future work on the EAGLE solicitation with L3Com, the reestablishment of BAE-Anniston's Miscellaneous Services Support Agreement and a partnership for M88 Components with GDLS-Australia.

The BD team noted ANAD's partnerships have begun to lean more toward smaller sustainment requirements rather than large systems-level workload. In coming years, the BD Team expects a varied workload will define ANAD's partnership palate.

The BD Team developed and reenergized relationships to enable potential public partnership opportunities for the future.

They grew 49 new opportunities and two potential new FY15 and further partnerships.

The team also expects to bid on three large contracts in FY15 as the solicitations enter the competition process.

ANAD's Business Development Team has been successful since its inception in 1993 and they will continue to lead Army Materiel Command in partnering with industry.



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The Directorate of Information Management's Network Support Team, seen here, will upgrade the installation's network infrastructure in 2015 with the assistance of the 7th Signal Command and 106th Signal Brigade.

Network upgrade coming in 2015

by Jason Gilbert

ANAD DOIM

The Department of the Army, in partnership with the Defense Information Security Agency, is focusing efforts to provide a single, secure, standards-based network across the Department of Defense.

The 7th Signal Command and the 106th Signal Brigade will spearhead this effort at Anniston Army Depot beginning in the first quarter of 2015.

This modernization effort will increase network capacity, provide enterprise services and increase network operation and security.

Currently, our network core provides one gigabyte per second connectivity between nodes. The Network Modernization CONUS effort will increase network capacity to 10 Gbps.

Along with the local core bandwidth increase, access layer devices will be replaced with a standard hardware platform enabling increased port capacity which supports power over the Ethernet.

As employees have seen in previous years, the integration of information technology into our business practices is ever increasing.

The DoD recognizes this trend and plans to enhance security by providing zone-based security policies at the enterprise level. These zones will be managed and monitored by DISA.

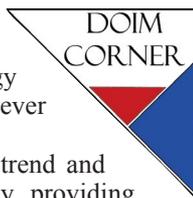
How will this impact ANAD?

There will be periodic network interruptions in two phases.

Phase 1 will impact the core nodes. There will be a scheduled outage while these routers are replaced.

Phase 2 will replace the access layer devices. DOIM network staff and 106th Signal Brigade Soldiers will be in the work areas replacing our infrastructure.

DOIM will contact directors to schedule the network outages as the connections are upgraded.



ISMO moves to new location

Anniston Army Depot's Intelligence and Security Management Office recently moved to a new location, outside the main gate.

"We needed to be more available to our customers," said James Cole, chief of ISMO. "We have moved outside the Controlled Area, so people can access us without going through the main gate."

The move was completed in late September, just before the end of fiscal year 2014.

Cole said the new facility offers a good working environment for the group in a building designed as an office environment, as opposed to their former facility, which was a converted house.

ISMO's old building is one of three former quarters slated for demolition according to Julianna Couch, realty specialist for the DPW Planning and Resource Office. Couch said disposition of the buildings is slated for fiscal year 2015.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Dondra Crook, a depot personnel security specialist, reviews regulations in the new location for the Intelligence and Security Management Office.

Recycling/Wood Yard Information

Recycling will not have Saturday sales during the month of December.

Please note, wood may still be purchased during the week. For more information, contact Recycling at 256-235-6838.

Prices for wood:

- 1-10 pieces of small wood - \$5
- 1-5 pieces of medium-sized wood - \$5
- A few pieces of large wood or up to a truck load of wood - \$20
- Trailer of wood - \$30
- Pallet of 18 wooden ammunition boxes - \$20 (limit 2)



DoD Symposium attendees visit Anniston Army Depot

from Staff Reports, ANAD LBDO

The Logistics and Business Development Office attended and exhibited at the 2014 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 17-20.

This year's theme was "Delivering Agile and Affordable Maintenance Capability."

Nearly 70 vendors from across the U.S. were on hand to answer questions and provide information about the latest maintenance technologies and exchange ideas and solutions with an audience of more than 900 attendees.

Because of the location and a special discount rate, 33 Anniston Army Depot directors and supervisors attended a one-day session of the sym-

posium Nov. 18 to learn about the newest and most innovative maintenance products and applications.

"The Business Development Office attends and exhibits at this event every year," said Carol Funderburg, business management specialist from the LBDO. "It is one of the largest DoD sponsored events. It's very well attended by all of DoD and it has the largest number of vendor exhibits. The symposium was most significant to ANAD this year because it was held within driving distance and ANAD was chosen for the Technical Tour."

On the final day of the symposium, ANAD hosted two groups of attendees for tours.

The Technical Tour provided an opportunity for symposium participants to tour either ANAD or Honda

Manufacturers in Lincoln. The depot hosted a group of nearly 45 vendors who toured three locations in the Nichols Industrial Complex and engaged directly with installation subject matter experts. The group included managers from Tobyhanna and Corpus Christi Army Depots and representatives from the AFGE Unions. The tour also included lunch with a special question and answer session.

The ANAD command staff hosted a VIP segment of the technical tour with attendees from the Offices of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Maintenance, Logistics and Material Readiness.

Showcased on the tour were ANAD's Combat Vehicle Repair Facility, Small Arms Repair Facility and Reciprocating Engine facilities.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Participants in the DoD Maintenance Symposium VIP tour learn about Public Private Partnerships in the depot's Combat Vehicle Repair Facility.



Photo courtesy of AMC

Civilian Service Award presented to Teresa Bonds

Violet (Teresa) Bonds was awarded a Superior Civilian Service Award by Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general of Army Materiel Command, Nov. 25. Bonds served as a champion and advocate to the legal and contracting staffs in support of the development of a new AMC level business development policy. An employee at the Anniston Contracting Office, she has been stationed at the headquarters of Army Contracting Command for the past five and a half months in support of this project. Also pictured is AMC Command Sgt. Maj. James K. Sims.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

AMC Leadership Tour

Employees from Army Materiel Command toured the Combat Vehicle Repair Facility, above, as well as other buildings at Anniston Army Depot Nov. 18 for professional development and to learn about the processes and products of the installation.

Is your home holiday ready?

from ANAD Fire Prevention Office

Have you bought your Christmas tree? Is your tree real or artificial? Anniston Army Depot's Fire Department would like to pass along a few holiday tips to help keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

If you are getting a real tree this year, make sure it's freshly cut and not dry.

If a tree is freshly cut, the end of the trunk will be sticky with resin, the needles should not break easily and you shouldn't see excess needles on the ground around the tree.

Once you make your selection, it's time to take it home and get it ready for decorating.

Just like fresh cut flowers, a real tree will need water - lots and lots of water.

Check the tree daily and replenish the water as necessary. Place the tree away from any heat source to prevent premature drying and a possible fire hazard.

If the tree does dry out, discard it immediately.

While you don't have to worry about an artificial tree needing water or drying out, there are still things you need to check.

First and foremost, is the tree fire resistant? Not sure? Check the box. There should be a label that will tell you.

Whether it was once the home to woodland creatures or made by a combination of man and machine, a tree is just a tree until you add the lights and decorations. Before you beautify the evergreen, make sure the lights and other decorations are not damaged.

Damaged lights and other electrical decorations could arc and start a fire.

All electrical decorations and extension cords should be approved by

an independent testing laboratory to insure they have been tested. Before they go on the tree, make sure all connections are secure and there are no cracks.

Once that's done, it's time to haul out the holly and trim the tree.

While you can't have too many lights on a tree, you can overload the extension cord connecting them to the household outlet.

So, how many are too many for that extension cord?

Here's a great rule of thumb: No more than three sets of light on any one extension cord.

Although trees can be a source of holiday fires, other decorations carry just as much risk.

Lit candles are at the top of that list.

Even though candles are prohibited on the installation, many of you, no doubt, will

burn them in your homes throughout the holiday season.

The latest National Fire Protection Association study found residential fires caused by candles are twice as likely during December than any other month.

To keep from being a statistic, never place burning candles near curtains, trees, greenery or any other decorations.

It's never a good idea to have burning candles in the window or within the reach of children.

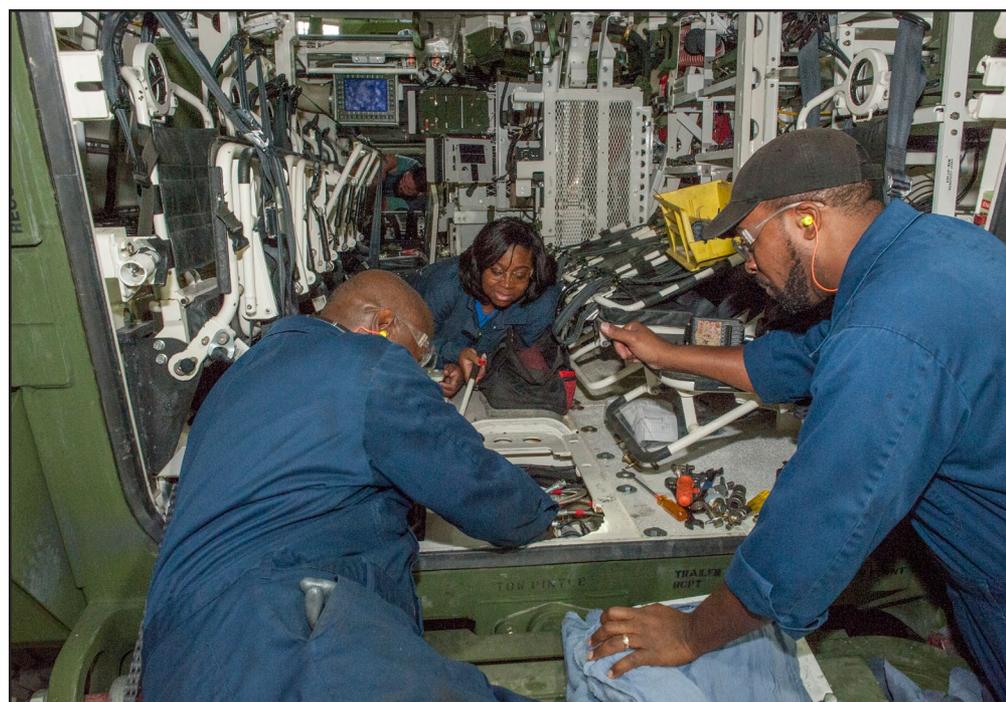
Extinguish all candles before leaving the house or going to bed and when the taper is less than two inches tall.

We hope these tips are helpful to you as you prepare for the coming season.

May you and your family have a happy and safe holiday season.

Additional tips for keeping your home safe from fires during the holiday season and throughout the year may be viewed at NFPA.org.

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Photos by Jennifer Bacchus

Ricky Parker, left; Jerrilyn Harris, center; and Iris Wood replace a fuel pump in the rear of a Stryker.



Craig Bearden repairs the commander's panel in a Stryker vehicle.

'Chip and PIN' credit cards coming to DoD travelers

by Claudette Roulo

Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, 2014 – Starting in January, Defense Department government travel card holders will begin receiving new "chip and PIN" cards, the director of the Defense Travel Management Office said.

In December, the department is due to wrap up a pilot program that started in February and involved about 600 users, Harvey Johnson said in a DoD News interview, adding that the pilot program has been successful so far.

The chip and PIN system already has been adopted in many parts of the world, because it offers additional security to credit card users and merchants.

Transactions involving these cards work something like an ATM withdrawal, in that the user inserts the card into a point-of-sale machine, and rather than signing for the purchase, the customer enters a four-digit personal identification number.

Point-of-sale machines read a chip embedded in the card -- rather than the magnetic strip on the back -- and the cardholder never has to hand the card off to a merchant.

This two-step system protects against identity theft more effectively than the relatively easy-to-counterfeit magnetic strip and signature system.

Rollout to DoD users will begin with cardholders who have cards that will expire soon, Johnson said.

"So, as your card expires, you'll receive a chip and PIN," he explained. "If you're new to the Department of Defense, you'll receive a chip and PIN card."

Next up are cardholders who travel frequently, Johnson said.

"It used to be that we considered it frequent travel if you travel three times a year," Johnson noted, "but now we're sort of moving away from that, and if you travel [at all], we're going to recommend that you use a chip and PIN card and

that you get a [government travel] card."

By late summer of 2015, all Defense Department travelers will have the chip and PIN card, Johnson said.

For now, chip and PIN cards are limited to people in the test population, but beginning in January, travelers will be able to request one if they will be traveling to a location where chip and PIN cards are dominant, Johnson said.

"Once we have an implementation plan, we will spell out how we actually do that," he said. With about 1.3 million government travel card users, Johnson noted, "if everybody wants it in January, we probably can't get there. So there needs to be a methodical deployment."



Courtesy photo

STAR★ID enforced in 2016

from the Alabama Department of Public Safety

In response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the ongoing threat of additional terrorist activity, the United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005.

This legislation modified U.S. federal law pertaining to security, authentication and issuance procedure standards for state driver licenses and identification cards, as well as various immigration issues pertaining to terrorism.

In the future, only those state-issued driver licenses and identification cards that are fully compliant with the REAL ID act of 2005 will be authorized for use as identification for official federal government purposes, such as boarding commercial aircraft and entering certain regulated federal facilities.

All current Alabama driver licenses and ID cards will be accepted for official federal purposes until at least the beginning of 2016, when the Department of Homeland Security will implement its enforcement phase.

While the REAL ID Act of 2005 includes the deadlines Dec. 1, 2014, and Dec. 1, 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security has announced it will implement its enforcement phase no sooner than 2016.

In response to the REAL ID Act requirements, the Alabama Department of Public Safety has developed the STAR★ID program.

Persons who meet the issuance requirements for Alabama Driver Licenses and Non-Driver Identification cards are afforded the opportunity to go a step beyond the standard requirements to obtain a STAR★ID.

In addition to the standard requirements of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, those who select STAR★ID will be required to present additional documents specified by the REAL ID act of 2005.

Upon presenting these documents and fulfilling the issuance procedures required, these applicants will receive an Alabama STAR★ID, which will serve as valid identification for official federal government purposes.

Those persons who hold a valid United States passport may use this document in place of the required REAL ID compliant identification.

For more information, visit dps.alabama.gov.



fmwr happenings

from DCFA

Christmas Cheer program sponsoring 170 DHR children

This year, the depot is sponsoring 170 children from the Department of Human Resources through its Christmas Cheer Program.

To make Christmas Cheer drop-offs as efficient as possible, key people are asked to call and schedule a drop-off time with Jeanette Baxter at Ext. 5246 or 7616 between Dec. 1 and Dec. 16.

If you need information about Christmas Cheer, contact Boyd Scoggins at Ext. 3182.



Important dates for Christmas Cheer:

- Dec. 16 - Last date to turn in gifts for DHR children
- Dec. 17 - Delivery of gifts to DHR
- Dec. 17 - Last date to turn in gifts for installation families

Four installation families who have experienced a recent tragedy or adversity in the past year are also being supported through the Christmas Cheer program.

Anonymous information on the families, detailing their needs, can be viewed on the depot's LAN.

Depot prepares for third Wounded Warrior Hunt

Anniston Army Depot's third Wounded Warrior Hunt is scheduled for Jan. 16-18, 2015.

The program began with eight participants, growing to 15 in January 2014.

This year, the installation plans to host 20 Purple Heart recipients for the hunting event.

In addition to the Wounded Warrior hunters, 30 Controlled

Access Area hunting slots will be open on a first come, first served basis for bow hunting by individuals eligible to hunt on the installation.

To volunteer to assist with the hunt, for more information about the event or to sign up as a hunter, contact the Directorate of Community

and Family Activities at 256-235-7170.



notes from around the TRACK

\$250,000

\$106,936.20

Are you giving to CFC?

The depot's Combined Federal Campaign is underway. The 2014 goal is \$250,000.

Currently, the installation has reached 43 percent of that goal - more than \$106,000.

If you haven't received a printed CFC campaign brochure, you may go to the depot's Intranet to download a copy or obtain a copy from your keyperson.

If you do not know which keyperson represents your organization, call Scott Kay at Ext. 6077 or Kim Smoot at Ext. 7785.

Depot participates in local Christmas parades

Anniston Army Depot is participating in five Christmas parades this month.

Photos and information from the first three parades - Talladega, Jacksonville and Weaver - will be in the Dec. 18 issue of TRACKS. The final two parades will be held in the coming days.

- Weaver's Christmas parade is planned for Saturday, Dec. 6. It begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Gadsden's parade is Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. on Broad Street.



Courtesy photos

Ciara switches pompoms for helmet

Ciara Deseray Buchanan went from being a peewee cheerleader in 2013 to a football player in the widget and midget leagues in 2014.

She played running back and quarterback, earning nine touchdowns in the widget league and three in the midgets.

Ciara had 570 rushing

yards with the widgets, 140 with the midgets and 18 solo tackles.

Proud parents are William (Peter) Buchanan and Ashley O'Neal. Grandparents are Jesse and Diane (Career Academy) Buchanan and Tim and Dadra O'Neal. She is the goddaughter of Lizabeth Edwards (Dear Clinic).

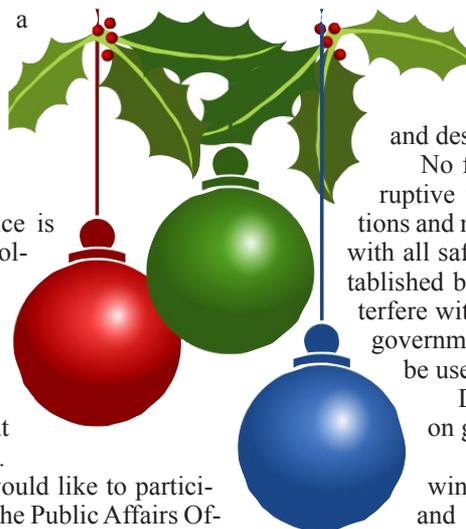
PAO seeks decorated work sites

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas on the installation. A Christmas tree lighting is slated for tomorrow and soon several work areas may be decorated as well.

The Public Affairs Office is seeking nominations for a holiday decorating contest.

We know there are lots of people with decorating skills who work hard to bring cheer to their organization, so let us know about the decorations in your area.

If your shop or office would like to participate in this contest, contact the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281 no later than Dec. 9.



Decorated areas will be evaluated on three criteria: attractiveness/visual impact, originality/creativity and design/theme/craftsmanship.

No flames, fog machines or disruptive noises are allowed. Decorations and materials used should comply with all safety rules and regulations established by ANAD policy, and not interfere with the work environment. No government funds or resources may be used in this contest.

Decorating may not be done on government time.

We plan to recognize the winners on The Morning Show and with photographs in one of the December issues of TRACKS.

Visit Anniston Army Depot on social media:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/101336510@N02/>
<https://www.facebook.com/AnnistonArmyDepot>
<https://www.facebook.com/AnnistonMunitionsCenter>
<https://www.facebook.com/ANADFMWR>

Have an article idea for TRACKS?

Call Public Affairs at Ext. 6281!



Watch The Morning Show

The Morning Show airs live every other Wednesday at 7:05 a.m. on Local Area Network channel 21.

If you have a topic or content you would like to see on The Morning Show, contact the Public Affairs Office at Ext. 6281.

If you are unable to catch the live broadcast, there are two ways you can tune in.

Computer users may view the show on IPTV.

It can also be seen on LAN channel 21 during these rebroadcast times:

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 10 p.m., midnight and 2 a.m. (Wed. night/

Thurs. morning)

Thursday/Friday: noon and 10 p.m.

Be sure to tune in for these upcoming shows:

Next show: Dec. 10: The depot's Choose to Lose Program will begin again with the new year. Gerrad Slaton will detail plans for the 2015 event as well as discuss one of the ways employees can lose weight.

Slaton will share information on the Couch to 5K program, which can help participants get ready for April's Making Tracks 5K.

Additionally, Tim Rolfe will join the cast of The Morning Show Dec. 10 to talk about the depot's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program.

Also, Don Evans from the Depot Operations Office will provide details on a new emergency notification system.

Stay safe and healthy in winter

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be hazardous, but if you plan ahead, you can stay safe and healthy. Prepare your home and cars. Prepare for power outages and outdoor activity. Check on the older adults.

Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us are not ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you will be more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

Above all, be prepared to check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill.

If you have pets, bring them inside.

If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen water to drink.

No one can stop the onset of winter. However, if you follow these suggestions, you will be ready for it when it comes.

Winterize your home:

- Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

Check your heating systems:

• Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly and ventilated to the outside.

- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly.
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.

Prevent carbon monoxide emergencies:

- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries regularly.
- Learn symptoms of CO poisoning: headaches, nausea, and disorientation.



Don't forget to prepare your car

Get your car ready for cold weather use before winter arrives. Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires. Keep the gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines and use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

Also, Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. Include: blankets; food and water; booster cables, flares, a tire pump and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction); a compass and maps; a flashlight, battery-powered radio and extra batteries; a first-aid kit; and plastic bags (for sanitation).



Equip in advance for emergencies

- Be prepared for weather-related emergencies, including power outages.
- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers.
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged.
- When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.
- Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including: battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and lamps; extra batteries; first-aid kit and extra medicine; baby items; and cat litter or sand for icy walkways.



Take precautions outdoors

Many people spend time outdoors in the winter working, traveling, or enjoying winter sports. Outdoor activities can expose you to several safety hazards, but you can take these steps to prepare for them:

- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.
- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.
- Learn safety precautions to follow when outdoors.
- Be aware of the wind chill factor.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.
- Carry a cell phone.
- Protect your family from carbon monoxide by keeping grills, camp stoves and generators out of the house, basement and garage. Generators should be at least 20 feet from the house. Leave your home immediately if the CO detector sounds and call 911.

