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CJTF-3 SAFETY FATALITY FLYER AMMUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES



On 13 November 2012, a Regional Command – South Soldier was fatally injured and two additional Soldiers received severe injuries due to an explosion while conducting a RIP/TOA inventory. The incident occurred in an Armored Magazine (ARMAG). Preliminary reports indicate non-standard storage, handling practices, excessive ammunition, and exceeding the net explosive weight for the site license, contributed to the accident. Temporary placement of facilities within the explosive arc contributed to the severity of the accident. The explosion scattered ammunition and explosives over a large part of the FOB. The ensuing fire spread to nearby structures.

Leaders must ensure that ammunition and explosives are left in their original packaging until needed. The Net Explosive Weight (NEW) limits authorized on your Certificate of Risk Acceptance (CoRA), DA Form 7632, AUG 2007, must not be exceeded. These limits are set to not only provide the commander with the proper amount of ammunition needed, but to also protect personnel and equipment at that specific location.



Not Actual photos of the Accident

Commanders and leaders must ensure non-standard storage and handling practices, excessive ammunition, and excessive NEW for the site license are not allowed. Ensure personnel responsible for the storage and handling of ammunition and explosives are properly trained to conduct these duties. Questions? Contact your Brigade Safety Specialist, or contact the RC (S) Safety office at NIPR 318-421-8022 or 421-8852.

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