

SEMPER SAFE

“Controlled Burns Smoke/Fog Driving Safety Tips”

Fog/Smoke Safety Tips: Most of us here in the Southeast are fortunate when it comes to weather. However, even here we are subject to rapidly changing weather. Smoke and fog are factors and can cause sudden change in visibility. Below are some tips to remember when driving in low visibility situations.

JDNEWS.COM reported the Environmental Management Division will be starting prescribed burns on forestry parts of the base and plans to do so for the next 8 months. Reports of smoke will be an issue for on and off base traffic until at least August.

- Drive with your headlights on.
- Use wipers and defrosters for maximum vision.
- Don't stop on a freeway or other heavily traveled road (get to an off ramp).
- Use your 4-way hazard flashers to alert vehicles and increase your visibility.
- Don't stand in the road



Also keep in mind Base Order P5560.2N, chapter 4, paragraph 3b states that “Vehicle operators will decrease speed as much as necessary to accommodate weather and traffic conditions.” Failing to do so may be considered “reckless driving.”

Keep in mind during these winter months, the sun sets much earlier. When driving after 1630 remember to drive with headlights on.

Commanders and Supervisors: It is your responsibility to brief your personnel on safe vehicle operations. Your involvement and support of the Marine Corps vehicle safety program will help reinforce the importance of driving safely at work and home. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative or visit the Base Safety website.

As Marines, Sailors and Civil Servants we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, Sailors, civilian employees or family members, and remember **SEMPER SAFE!**