



FORT BRAGG, N.C. – David Martin, the safety officer for 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, talks about fire extinguisher serviceability to a group of officers during a safety walkthrough at 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment's motor pool here October 5, 2009

## Soldiers get inspected for safety standards

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FORT BRAGG, N.C. – In the midst of all the rainy dreariness, the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Commander, COL Christopher Spillman, accompanied by the brigade's safety officer, David Martin, conducted a safety walkthrough at 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment's motor pool here October 5, 2009.

The purpose of his visit was to gain a better perspective on the battalion's work-place operations and safety.

“[This is] the most hazardous place of duty for a Soldier, second only to a combat zone,” said COL Spillman. As Martin pointed out various safety violations, he also took the opportunity to talk with Soldiers. They were unaware of how to remedy certain violation, such as unserviceable fire extinguishers, said Martin.

The solution is to simply make an appointment with All American Fire Protection of Fayetteville; a task that is handled by leadership and done in mass. There are numerous officers and noncommissioned officers in charge of various sections that utilize the motor pool.

Its leader's responsibility to learn the safety standards and to know what looks right in order to assure the safety of their soldiers, said COL Spillman.

COL Spillman and Martin closed out the safety walkthrough with a few words of encouragement. “We have identified a number of hazards that must be corrected immediately, and others that we need to correct over time,” said COL Spillman.