

Safety Alert



Trailer Fire Safety OIF SA-007



A recent fire on the Victory Base Complex highlighted the need for fire safety awareness. Trailers are less fire resistant than permanent housing. **TRAILER FIRES SPREAD BLAZINGLY FAST.** Following a few basic rules for hazard mitigation can greatly reduce your losses due to fire.

PREVENTION MEASURES

- No smoking inside or open flames within 50 feet of trailers.
- No cooking inside rooms. No hotplates or coffee pots. **NO CANDLES** - scented or otherwise.
- Unplug electrical equipment when not in use.
- Set the thermostat and fan on the air conditioning unit to the lowest setting when the room is not occupied.
- Do not disable your smoke detector. Test it monthly. Report defective units to your Mayor.
- When authorized, store your basic load in your closed wall locker daily. In this fire, exposed ammo cooked off endangering the firefighters.
- Know how to escape in the darkness. Keep your egress routes free of obstructions.

SAVING LIFE AND PROPERTY

- Ensure that your room has a 10lb ABC type fire extinguisher, serviceable and easily accessible. Learn how to use it correctly. Use it to clear a path to the exit and get everyone out.
- Clear every room in your trailer and neighboring trailers. Account for all personnel. Never re-enter the burning room to get your stuff. Live without it.
- Contact Fire Rescue through your Mayor Cell or the closest Operation Center.



Losses

1 x M16 Rifle fire damaged
6 x Issue Clothing and Equipment destroyed
Personal effects of six soldiers
6 x bed trailer and furnishings
Estimated Cost of Damage =
\$75,000+ Trauma & Drama