

Safety: Human Factors

Human factors are not just about humans. It is about how features of people's tools, tasks and working environment systemically influence human performance.

Mishaps are rarely attributed to a single cause, or in most cases, even a single individual. Every organization should work to identify what factors and conditions create potential hazards, and if/when a mishap occurs, determine why and how to prevent it from happening again.

There are several types of factors when discussing human factors. One is physiological factors, such as unhealthy emotions, job or domestic pressures, distractions, job knowledge, shift-work, hurrying or feeling rushed can contribute to an unsafe attitude and negatively impact worker performance.

A second type of factor is physical factors, such as fatigue, strength limits, lack of sleep, ergonomic design constraints, and the influence of alcohol/drugs may contribute to behavior that leads to a mishap.

A third type is organizational factors, such as inadequate staffing, emphasis on production over safety and lack of workplace supervision can also lead to a mishap.

Mandatory Finance Certification

ALL members of the Montana Air National Guard need to complete this process.

The AF594 MUST BE SIGNED IN INK; no digital signatures.

Single with no dependents- turn in AF594 only

Single with dependents- turn in AF594 and a copy of your youngest child's birth certificate

Married- turn in AF594 and a copy of your marriage certificate

This is a large undertaking we have been tasked with by SAF/FM AFAFO and is Air Force wide.

Contact SMSgt Beverly A. Christian at 791-0500 with any questions concerning certification.

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Two MTANG Summer Camp Grants for June and July were approved! If you have kids who would like to partake in one of the camps please contact Ms. Paige Held or SrA Hillary McCrumb at 791-0122.

The grants are based on a first come basis, so we will be documenting who contacts us first. We have 14 open slots for the first camp and 20 for the second camp.

MAY UTA MENU

Saturday

Chicken Enchiladas

Taco Salad

Spanish Rice /

Refried Beans

Corn/Lima Beans

Sunday

Lemon Herb Chicken

Braised Beef, w/ Noodles

Scalloped Potatoes

Spinach

California Blend Veggies

Soup: Chicken Tortilla

Dessert: Cake w/ Chocolate Frosting or Apple Pie

UPCOMING UTA SCHEDULE

May 3-4, May 31 - June 1, No July UTA

Peoria Guardsmen Train MTANG Firefighters

Airmen from the Illinois Air National Guard in Peoria came to Montana to assist Airmen here with the training they need during the conversion.

Six firefighters from the Illinois Air National Guard trained Montana Guardsmen on firefighting setups, getting access into the aircraft, how to shut the aircraft down and how to extract crew members.

“They trained all three of our shifts,” said Lt. Curt Graves, a supervisor at the Montana Air National Guard Fire Department.

“We have three 24 hour shifts, so Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they gave identical classes.”

In addition to classroom instruction, the firefighters went onto the aircraft for some hands on training.

“We went out there with them and they took us for a hands-on walk-around of the aircraft. They showed us how to operate gaining access to the hatches and doors, where all the locations on the aircraft for pinning safeties, and in the cockpit, how to perform shut-down procedures,” Graves said.

Each of the trainers had a specific skillset that contributed to the training.

“It was a really good, knowledgeable group of guys,” Graves said.

The Peoria firefighters returned home April 14.



Above: A firefighter from the Montana Air National Guard Fire Department function checks a fire truck to ensure all equipment is in working order. MANG firefighters recently completed training with Illinois National Guard firefighters as part of the transition by the 120th Airlift Wing to the C-130 Hercules aircraft. (National Guard photo/SSgt. Michael Touchette)

Right: An Airman from the 120th Airlift Wing's maintenance squadron tows a C-130 Hercules toward the hanger April 2, 2014. (National Guard photo/Maj. Cody Smith)



<http://www.facebook.com/120vigilantes>

Maintenance Conversion Training

A maintenance training team, comprised of seven active duty airmen from Air Force bases nationwide, arrived at Gore Hill and training began April 15.

The team, led by Tech. Sgt. Scott Priputen, includes experienced C-130 maintainers who will train the full-time airmen at the Montana Air National Guard.

Maintenance training is a key step in the conversion to cargo planes from fighter jets.

In addition to training maintainers to work on the new aircraft, the unit is in the process of acquiring the tools needed for the maintainers to do their jobs.

“If we wanted to wash one of our aircraft we’d need to fly it somewhere else; we don’t have the tools we need to do it here,” said MSgt Rob Wilbur, the unit’s maintenance analyst.

