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## HMEDDAC NCO receives MEDCOM safety award

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**HEIDELBERG, Germany** – A Heidelberg Medical Department Activity (HMEDDAC) noncommissioned officer has been named to receive the top individual safety award in the U.S. Army Medical Command.

Staff Sgt. Lon Mullaney was named this year's recipient of the MEDCOM Individual Award of Excellence in Safety. He has been the HMEDDAC safety NCO in charge since August 2011.

Mullaney was recognized for his efforts to improve safety programs for both HMEDDAC and U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg. In addition to overseeing the safety programs for the Heidelberg Health Center, Stuttgart and Coleman Health Clinics, he also volunteers as manager of the MWR Wood Shop on Patton Barracks, where he updated the safety program and volunteered hundreds of hours to keep the shop open after the previous manager was injured in an accident.

According to Europe Regional Medical Command Safety Manager Carol Fontanese, Mullaney jumped right into the safety program after being selected for the position by his commander.

“He single handedly completed a 100 percent matrix of more than 300 fire extinguishers located at Heidelberg, Mannheim, Coleman and Stuttgart,” Fontanese said. “He updated all of the building drawings, plans and maps to show the location of all fire extinguishers for all rooms in those facilities.”

Fontanese added that Mullaney was a key player in improving and sustaining the HMEDDAC Motorcycle Mentorship Program, which is geared toward reducing accidents and injuries for licensed motorcyclists. As part of the program, a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor teaches all facets of motorcycle safety to Soldiers, U.S. and local national citizens. The group meets monthly during riding season and conducts classroom training and group rides.

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A medic by training, Mullaney said he'd never worked in the safety field before this assignment, but that his success is a reflection on the help he received from others in the field.

"The whole safety community helped out," Mullaney said. "If I needed help they would show me what to do."

Mullaney said he was shocked when his first sergeant told him he'd been selected for the MEDCOM award. "I thought he was joking. But this award is a reflection on everybody who helped me do my job."

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### **Cutline:**

Staff Sgt. Lon Mullaney inspects a fire extinguisher – one of more than 300 he is responsible for in Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Mannheim – to ensure it is ready for use if needed. Photo by Ed Drohan.