

EAST GATE EDITION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District

FED personnel earn American Concrete Institute certification

Far East District personnel took advantage of the American Concrete Institute certification offered by trainers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District, Materials Testing Regional Technical Center of Expertise, and the US-ACE Engineering Research and Development Center, based in Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 27 – Oct. 8.

About 20 people from FED offices throughout the Korean Peninsula participated in the training. Topics covered various concrete tests through hands-on practice, demonstration, and performance certification testing. The certification lasts five years and best serves those who are required to check or inspect the concrete quality on construction sites. [READ MORE](#)



Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Energy Awareness Month

National Energy Awareness month, observed throughout the month of October, is embedded in the way the Far East District operates every day. They do this by regulating the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, agencies are making tremendous progress toward energy efficiency and renewable energy by implementing energy and water management projects throughout the federal government. [READ MORE](#)



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PPMD celebrates strong Fiscal Year close out with ice cream!



ON 30 SEPTEMBER, PPMD MANAGERS
HANDED OUT ICE CREAM TO ALL
PPMD EMPLOYEES TO THANK THEM
FOR A GREAT FISCAL YEAR OF WORK
AND FOR CLOSING OUT STRONG





CONGRATS TO ANDREW "ANDY" RAJALA

ON WINNING THE 2021 USACE
INSTALLATION SUPPORT
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR!



David Montes Jr.

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I am a Project Manager overseeing environmental service contracts, design, and job order contracts for the Navy and Marine Corps. I am married to my wonderful wife, Monika and we have three children, John David, Amelie, and Brielle.

Life has taken me on many different adventures. At the age of 17, I left Chicago for U.S. Army basic training, then off to the hillsides of Kosovo in the Balkans, to Baghdad, Iraq, to being a broker in a financial services firm in Chicago, a police officer in the streets of Savannah Georgia, then off to Kabul Afghanistan, and finally South Korea where I landed my first federal job at the Far East District. I have been blessed to be here for the last two years.

My parents moved to Chicago from Puerto Rico and raised me to speak Spanish, provided me with wonderful Puerto Rican cuisine my whole life, and they taught me to appreciate the opportunities we have in the U.S. They had faith, worked hard, showed me how to work with my hands, be competitive, and treat people with dignity and respect. My parents took me to the island as a child and connected me to their upbringing, making it a part of my own. I am proud to be of Puerto Rican heritage and it is fascinating exploring my family tree and the roots of my ancestors. I plan on doing the same for my children, as they now speak English, German and are learning Spanish as well.

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FED Safety Gram –October 2021



Fall & Winter Safety!

Know the Weather:

CE-SOHMS - Capability Objective: #1 & #5

- ◆ Listen to the forecast ahead of your planned event or activities.
- ◆ Don't be afraid of stopping an activity due to poor weather conditions.
- ◆ It is better to be safe than sorry because a planned event hadn't to take place.
- ◆ Plan accordingly if you are going to hike, ride a bike over a long distance.
- ◆ Days are not as long now, and the heat of the day may only be 3 or 4 hours around noon.
- ◆ Temperatures can drop faster than your body can react sometimes.
- ◆ Just because it is warm in the daytime doesn't mean the weather will stay warm at night.
- ◆ Bring along extra clothing and food in a backpack in case your plans are stalled.



Be a knowledgeable Driver:

CE-SOHMS - Capability Objective: #3 & #6

- ◆ Leaves on roadways might become slick overnight especially after rain.
- ◆ Use caution when driving or braking on roads that have spot where leaves have fallen.
- ◆ Wear sunglasses to minimize the glare and clean the windshield on the inside.
- ◆ Start your mornings earlier than normal frost may be on your windshield and other windows.
- ◆ If driving on a long route, start earlier than normal and stay on main roads.
- ◆ Don't always keep up with the fastest vehicle on the road.
- ◆ You are not in a hurry, slow down and think safety.
- ◆ Minimize the hazards on the road, pay attention to driving.



Maintain your Vehicle:

CE-SOHMS - Capability Objective: #2 & #4

- ◆ Get your POV checked out by a mechanic before it becomes cold.
- ◆ Carry additional fluids for your POV in case you need to use in emergency situations.
- ◆ Perform a visual check of your POV before driving on a longer than normal trip.
- ◆ Ensure your heater, defroster and fan are working properly before you set out on the road.
- ◆ Wait until your heater or defroster air becomes warm before setting out on your trip.
- ◆ Check your tires to see if they are serviceable.
- ◆ If you happen to break down, crack your window if you turn your heater on for warm air.

Fall & Winter safety practices means that you are making the proper precautions to keep your family safe during this time of the year.