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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/FOA/DRU/CC  
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FROM: HQ USAF/CV  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1670

SUBJECT: Devoting Adequate Time for Suicide Prevention Training

The Air Force community has done an admirable job of embracing suicide prevention. Commanders and First Sergeants, as well as other unit leaders, have been instrumental in recognizing those at risk and ensuring they receive assistance.

A key component of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program is our annual suicide prevention training. This briefing is critical in assisting our leaders and unit members to understand the basics of suicide prevention. This education is important in teaching everyone, especially our front line supervisors, to recognize and respond to those in distress.

While our squadrons have many demands placed on them, a thorough review of this important topic requires at least 30 minutes. This is time well invested. Please emphasize to your units the value you personally see in suicide prevention. When possible, introduce the briefing yourself. Reassure our airmen that seeking assistance is not only acceptable, but a sign of strength.

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