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SUBJECT: DoD Traffic Safety Program

- References: (a) DoD Directive 1010.7, "Drunk and Drugged Driving by DoD Personnel," August 10, 1983 (hereby canceled)
- (b) DoD Instruction 6055.4, "DoD Traffic Safety Program," November 22, 1994 with Change 1, May 6, 1996 (hereby canceled)
- (c) Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, April 16, 1997
- (d) DoD Directive 4715.1, "Environmental Security," February 24, 1996
- (e) through (p), see enclosure 1

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction:

- 1.1. Reissues and combines references (a) and (b) to incorporate Presidential guidance to strengthen the DoD Traffic Safety Program (reference (c)).
- 1.2. Under reference (d), updates policy, responsibilities, and procedures for administering the DoD Traffic Safety Program to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage caused by vehicular crashes.
- 1.3. Assigns responsibilities and establishes policy for DoD Impaired Driving Prevention Program.
- 1.4. Implements reference (e) in the Department of Defense.

E3.2. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY (HSPG NUMBER 3)

E3.2.1. Operators of Government and privately owned motorcycles (both street and off-road versions) on DoD installations must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways (except where not required by the SOFAs or local laws). A valid U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card (OF-346) or a Unit Level Logistics System (ULLS) Operator Qualification record fulfills the licensing requirement for operators of tactical motorcycles.

E3.2.2. Where State or local laws applicable to the installation require special licenses to operate privately owned motorcycles, motorized bicycles (Mopeds), motor scooters, or ATVs, such license requirements, as a minimum, shall apply to operation of those vehicles on DoD installations.

E3.2.3. Before operation of any motorcycle, personnel shall successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course. This training requirement excludes those operating motorcycles with attached sidecars and three-wheel motorcycles.

E3.2.3.1. The safety course must include the following: the appropriate Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) or MSF-based State-approved curriculum taught by certified or licensed instructors; hands-on training; and a performance-based and knowledge-based evaluation.

E3.2.3.2. Training required by this Instruction shall be provided at no cost to military and DoD civilian personnel. Personnel shall not be charged leave to attend training required by this Instruction.

E3.2.3.3. Additional performance based evaluations may be required for off-road recreational operation of privately owned vehicles or vehicles controlled by morale, recreation, and welfare organizations on DoD installations. Privately owned ATV and off-road motorcycle operators should complete training. Operators are also encouraged to complete refresher training before each riding season or after long periods of inactivity.

E3.2.3.4. Curriculum and proficiency training for tactical motorcycles will be tailored to satisfy specific mission objectives. Operators will have previously completed a safety course as required in the above paragraph E3.2.3.1.

E3.2.4. The DoD Components will develop and approve safety requirements tactical motorcycles integrating operational risk management into tactics, techniques, and procedures training when required by military mission.

E3.2.5. When operated on any DoD installation, in both on- and off-road modes, all Government or privately owned motorcycles, Mopeds, motor scooters, and ATVs (when equipped) must have headlights turned on at all times, except where prohibited by military mission, the SOFAs, or local laws.

E3.2.6. Motorcycles, except Government-owned off-road motorcycles on tactical missions or training, shall be equipped with rear view mirrors mounted on the handlebar or fairing.

E3.2.7. Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are as follows:

E3.2.7.1. The following PPE is mandatory for all persons as listed in paragraph 2.2. of the Instruction while operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or ATV.

E3.2.7.1.1. Helmets. Certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards properly fastened under the chin. If stationed outside CONUS and the host nation does not have an equivalent helmet standard, the helmet will meet the U.S. Department of Transportation standard.

E3.2.7.1.2. Goggles and Face Shields. Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet. A windshield or eye glasses alone are not proper eye protection.

E3.2.7.1.3. Sturdy Footwear is mandatory. Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

E3.2.7.1.4. Clothing. Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.

E3.2.7.1.5. Garment Visibility. A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered.