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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicles and Pedestrian Accident Prevention Policy

1. References:

- a. 32 Code of Federal Regulation § 634.25, Installation Traffic Codes 1 July 2008.
- b. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, 20 July 1999.
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 23 August 2007.
- d. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 22 May 2006.
- e. California Motor Vehicle Code §21201 and §§23123-23124.

2. Purpose: This memorandum prescribes command policy to prevent motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents.

3. Applicability: This memorandum applies to all service members and civilians, to include family members, contract employees, and guests while on the Presidio of Monterey (POM) and Ord Military Community (OMC).

4. Policy:

a. Use of a wireless telephone is prohibited while operating a motor vehicle on POM and OMC unless the vehicle is parked safely or the operator is using a hands free device. Medical, fire and law enforcement personnel in response to emergency calls and rescue operations are specifically exempt from this prohibition. Eating, drinking, programming music, and applying cosmetics are distracters that have proven to adversely affect a driver's ability to react. Avoid unsafe driving practices at all times.

b. Roller skating, in-line skating, or rollerblading are prohibited on any roadway on POM and OMC. These activities are permissible in parking areas after duty hours, unless otherwise designated, and require the proper wear and use of a safety helmet, kneepads, and elbow pads at all times. During hours of reduced visibility, individuals must wear reflective gear that is visible from the front and rear.

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c. Wearing/use of portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices is prohibited on roadways/sidewalks, while operating a motor vehicle, walking, jogging/running, bicycling, roller skating, rollerblading, in-line, or skateboarding. Use of headphones on fitness tracks and Soldier Field is authorized.

d. Leaving motor vehicles unattended with the engine running is prohibited, unless an emergency exists. An emergency exists when an individual perceives that a response is essential to prevent or reduce injury or property damage.

e. Motorcycle and moped operators shall wear approved DOT helmets, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, full-fingered gloves, long trousers, hard soled and over-the-ankle shoes (preferably leather), and a highly visible, brightly colored reflective vest or reflective outer upper garment visible from the front and rear during operation of reduced visibility.

f. Operators of any motorized equipment or vehicle used for transportation or recreation, such as stand-in scooters (e.g., "Segway") and Chariots must wear approved protective helmets and retro reflective materials or clothing that is clearly visible from the front and rear. This type of motorized equipment shall be operated only on marked bike lanes or pedestrian lanes, when available. Operators shall not operate them on public roads.

g. Bicyclists shall wear safety helmets and brightly colored reflective outer garments visible from the front and rear. Bicyclists shall use bike lanes, where available, and shall ride in the same direction as traffic. During hours of reduced visibility, riders must ensure their bicycle is equipped with a lamp emitting a white light which, while the bicycle is in motion, illuminates the roadway/highway in front of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of and to the sides of the bicycle. A lamp, or lamp combination, emitting a white light, attached to the operator and visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of and from the sides of the bicycle, may be used in lieu of a lamp mounted on the bicycle. Bicycles will have a lamp emitting a red light which, while in motion, illuminates to the rear of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 500 feet. Bicycles shall be equipped with: a white or yellow reflector on each pedal visible from the front and rear of the bicycle from a distance of 200 feet; a white or yellow reflector on each side forward of the center of the bicycle; and a white or red reflector on each side to the rear of the center of the bicycle (exception: bicycles equipped with reflectorized tires on the front and the rear need not be equipped with side reflectors). The reflectors and reflectorized tires shall be a type meeting requirements established by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

h. Motorists and bicyclists must observe and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

i. Pedestrians are prohibited from using wireless telephones while crossing the streets.

j. Road guards shall wear reflective equipment that is visible 360 degrees. Troop formations shall use flashlights during periods of reduced visibility.

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k. Pedestrians shall use crosswalks when crossing the streets and use designated paths for walking, jogging, or running. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians or runners shall walk/run facing traffic so as to see any motorized vehicle as it approaches. During hours of reduced visibility, walkers, joggers, and runners will wear reflective gear that is visible 360 degrees, such as a reflective waist belt or vest.

l. All traffic shall stop when a school bus or shuttle bus is stopped with flashing lights on. Traffic will resume only when the flashing lights are turned off.

5. This policy is effective immediately and rescinds policy memo, subject as above, dated 30 June 2006. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or traffic citation.



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