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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #2006-05, Mandatory Motor Vehicle Safety Requirements

1. This policy letter is applicable to all members of the Utah National Guard (UTNG).
2. The following references provide guidelines for policy implementation:
 - A. 32 CFR 634.25 – Installation Traffic Codes
 - B. DODI 6055.4 – DOD Traffic Safety Program
 - C. AFI 91-207 – The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program
 - D. AR 385-55 – Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents
 - E. USASOC 385-1 – Safety Accident Prevention and Reporting (19th SFG (A) only)
3. This letter reinforces the requirements set forth by the Department of Defense, endorsed by the service components for on and off duty military members and the UTNG employees and members while operating motor vehicles that are government or privately owned.
4. Motor vehicles (Other than motorcycles and ATVs):
 - a. All operators shall be licensed in accordance with (IAW) the Utah Motor Vehicle Licensing standards and their perspective services requirements.
 - b. Military Installations or posts will enforce traffic safety standards when entering a post or base.
 - c. All operators must participate in an approved Defensive Drivers Course/Accident Avoidance Course. This course is available on-line or in a classroom environment. Unit administrators or the HRO Training Officer shall annotate course completion in the individual training records or military licensing record as applicable.

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d. All occupants shall wear a seatbelt when one is provided in the original vehicle design. The vehicle operator is responsible for informing passengers of safety belt requirements. The senior occupant is responsible for ensuring enforcement.

e. Child safety seats shall be used on DOD installations for children 4 years old or under and not exceeding 45 pounds in weight.

f. Drivers shall not use hand held cellular phones during the operation of a government motor vehicle or privately owned vehicle (POV) on a military installation, unless it is a hands free model. When off post, I strongly encourage drivers to pull well off the road and into a safe and unobstructed area to conduct cellular telephone business when in a POV.

NOTE: Failure to use occupant protective devices may result in unfavorable consideration for determination of line-of-duty determinations for injury stemming from nonuse of required devices on or off DOD installations. (See DODI 6055.4)

4. Motorcycles and All Terrain Vehicles:

a. All operators shall be licensed IAW the Utah Motor Vehicle Licensing standards and their perspective services requirements as applicable.

b. I strongly encourage all motorcycles/ATV riders to adhere to the following minimum requirements while on or off duty. Commanders shall inform their Soldiers or Airmen of these suggested requirements and document such training in their personnel records at the unit level.

c. Suggested safety apparel for motorcycles/ATVs.

(1) DOT approved helmet, properly fastened under the chin.

(2) Impact/shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet.

(3) Leather boots or over the ankle footwear.

(4) Long sleeved shirt or jacket (preferred), long trousers, and full fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.

(5) Outer garment, vest or belt that is brightly colored during the day and reflective at night.

NOTE: Failure to wear the proper PPE or comply with licensing or operator training requirements may be considered in making line-of-duty determinations if the injury is a result of PPE nonuse or regulation noncompliance. (See DODI 6055.4)

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d. Required Motorcycle/ATV Safety Training.

(1) Prior to operation of a motorcycle or ATV, personnel shall successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course. 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 performance-based and knowledge-based evaluation.

(2) Training shall be at no cost to military and DOD civilian personnel per DODI 6055.4. Personnel shall not charge leave to attend training per DODI 6055.4. The Air and Army Components will develop and approve safety requirements for tactical motorcycles and ATV's and will integrate operational risk management into tactic, techniques, and procedures training when required by the military mission.

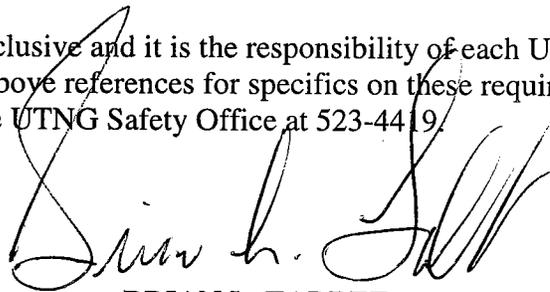
(3) Members of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (ARSOF) shall adhere to USASOC Regulation 385-1, Chapter 10, for requirements when operating motorcycles and ATVs during tactical training and missions.

e. Required Motorcycle/ATV Safety Equipment.

(1) When operating on a DOD installation, in both on/off- road modes, all Government or privately owned motorcycles, Mopeds, motor scooters and ATV's (if equipped) shall have headlights turned on, except where prohibited by military tactical mission.

(2) Motorcycles (except Government-owned off-road motorcycles on tactical missions or training) will be equipped with rear view mirrors mounted on the handlebar or fairing. The personal protective equipment for Government-owned motorcycle and ATV operators during off-road operations shall include knee and shin guards and full-fingered gloves.

5. The above references are not all inclusive and it is the responsibility of each UTNG employee and military member to research the above references for specifics on these requirements. Direct questions concerning this policy to the UTNG Safety Office at 523-4419.



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