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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Noise Abatement

1. Purpose. This memorandum establishes a noise control standard on Fort Carson. Ensuring a safe and pleasant on-post environment.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all military personnel, Department of War (DoW) Civilian employees, contractors, Family members, visitors, and commercial entities operating or residing within Fort Carson.

3. Policy. Excessive noise is prohibited on Fort Carson. Excessive noise is defined as follows:

a. Music, vibrations, or other sounds coming from a building that can be heard 50 feet away from the building in any direction with the exceptions of quarters or barracks, where the music is able to be heard in the neighbor's quarters and is disturbing to the occupants. Buildings include, but are not limited to barracks, officer and enlisted quarters, other billets, office buildings, and other structures such as covered picnic areas.

b. Any music, vibrations, or other sounds coming from a hand carried sound system or a vehicle with open or closed windows that travels a distance of 25 feet away in any direction.

c. Loud, profane, vile language or disorderly conduct that breaches the peace or disrupts public order anywhere on Fort Carson.

d. Emergency vehicles operating in the performance of duty, the installation public address system, approved training operations and "Jody calls" from troops are exempt.

4. Regulation of Modified Vehicle Exhausts and Noise Tolerances

a. All motor vehicles (including motorcycles) operating within the Ft. Carson installation boundaries must adhere to acceptable noise tolerances.

b. Enforcement and Testing Procedures:

(1) Auditory Assessment & Reasonable Suspicion: Installation Law Enforcement, Military Police, and Department of the Army Civilian Police (DACPs) are authorized to conduct initial auditory assessments during routine patrols or traffic stops. Department of the Army Security Guards (DASGs) and installation access control point personnel are authorized to immediately alert DACP/MP dispatch if a vehicle entering an access control point exhibits excessive, modified, or disruptive exhaust noise. If an officer determines, based on their professional judgment and auditory observation (the "ear test"), that a vehicle's exhaust noise significantly exceeds the baseline volume of standard, factory-equipped (dealership) models, this observation constitutes reasonable suspicion for further investigation.

(2) Objective Decibel (dB) Testing: Upon establishing reasponable suspicion, law enforcement may direct the operator to submit the vehicle to an objective decibel meter test. The vehicle will be tested in neutral/park with the vehicle's engine brought to and held at 2,000 Revolutions Per Minute (RPMs). Decibel readings will be recorded using a decibel meter positioned 20 inches from the exhaust outlet at a 45-degree angle.

(3) Violation Threshold: Any vehicle emitting an exhaust noise level exceeding 100 decibels (dB) during the 2,000 RPM test is explicitly out of tolerance and in direct violation of this installation policy.

5. Consequences of Violation: Failure to comply with installation noise tolerances is a serious offense. Operators of vehicles found in violation of the 100 dB limit are subject to immediate administrative and/or disciplinary actions, which may include, but are not limited to:

a. Issuance of an Armed Forces Traffic Ticket (DD Form 1408) or a Central Violations Bureau citation/fine.

b. Administrative suspension of installation driving privileges.

c. Notification to the service member’s chain of command for further administrative action or punishment under the UCMJ.

6. The Police/Provost Marshal Division has primary responsibility for enforcing noise abatement on Fort Carson, however, all leaders will assist with enforcement and will make on-the-spot corrections.

a. Commanders, Command Sergeants Major and Directors will inform Soldiers and Civilians in their organizations of this policy and will strictly enforce it in their area of control.

b. Noise control monitoring will be included when environmental or area checks are made of training and housing areas.

c. Violators who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) may receive punishment under the UCMJ or adverse administrative actions. Other violators may be subject to adverse administrative action as authorized by applicable provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations or US Code which may include administrative suspension of installation driving privileges or debarment from the installation.

7. Written waiver of this policy may be granted for unit or public activities on Fort Carson. The waiver approval authority is the first Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) commander in the chain of command. For units without a LTC or higher commander on Fort Carson, the waiver authority is the Garrison Commander.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This policy is effective immediately and supersedes Fort Carson Garrison Policy Memorandum #12, dated 6 August 2024. It remains in effect until replaced or rescinded by the Garrison Commander.

9. The point of contact for this policy is the Chief of Police/Provost Marshal Division, Directorate of Emergency Services at (719) 526-0095 or brandon.l.graber.civ@army.mil.

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