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**COMMANDING GENERAL'S
POLICY LETTER # 13**

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Safety and Collateral Investigations – Class A Accidents

1. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy applies to all III Armored Corps and Fort Hood subordinate commands' safety and collateral investigations for Class A accidents.

2. **POLICY.**

a. Importance of Safety and Collateral Investigations. When a serious accident occurs during one's service in the military, we owe it to our Soldiers, their Families, and the Army to conduct timely investigations, record lessons learned, and implement corrective actions where necessary. The line of duty regulation (AR 600-8-4) places emphasis on completing investigations prior to 180-days. FORSCOM Policy dictates a maximum of 70 days for the completion of an On-Duty Class A safety accident investigation and 20 days for an Off-Duty Class A safety accident investigation. This timeline is for the final report submission to the FORSCOM Safety Directorate. Conducting these investigations in a prompt, thorough, and professional manner not only preserves the investigation's integrity, but it also provides answers to the Soldier's next of kin.

b. Conduct of Investigations. As the results of an investigation may have significant effects and create a historical record for implementing preventive measures, commands must select the best-qualified persons to serve as investigating officers. An investigating officer appointment is a primary duty that takes precedence over all other duties and assignments throughout the investigation timeline. Command emphasis is needed to ensure timely, complete investigations within applicable regulatory requirements. Commands will provide monthly updates of Class A accident, safety, and collateral investigations to the III Armored Corps Chief of Staff through their appropriate section.

3. **Expiration.** This III Armored Corps and Fort Hood policy memorandum supersedes the Safety and Collateral Investigations – Class A Accidents, dated 05 June 2019, and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

4. The point of contact for this policy is the Safety Office at (254) 287-7601.

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