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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #10 - Command Military and Tactical Vehicle Dispatching and Safety

1. **References:**

- a. AR 750-1, Army Materiel Maintenance Policy, 28 October 2019
- b. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 24 February 2017
- c. FC Regulation 750-2, Maintenance Policies and Procedures, 30 April 20
- d. FC Regulation 385-64, Explosives Safety Management Program, 8 February 2017
- e. FC Regulation 350-16, Prevention of Heat and Cold Injury, 26 April 2004
- f. DA Pamphlet 385-64, Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards, 24 May 2011
- g. DA Pamphlet 750-1, Commander's Maintenance Handbook, 4 December 2013
- h. TC 3-21.60, Visual Signals, March 2017
- i. DA Pamphlet 750-8, The Army Maintenance Management System (TAMMS) Users Manual, 22 August 2005
- j. Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 DoD Traffic Safety Program w/Change 2, 20 April 2013
- k. AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program, 17 Sept 2019.
- l. 3d Cavalry Safety SOP, 5 March 21

2. **Applicability:** This policy applies to all Troopers assigned, attached to, or under the operational control of 3d Cavalry Regiment. The requirements in this policy apply on or off the installation, in addition to local and state laws.

3. **Purpose:** The safety and well-being of every 3d CR Trooper is paramount. Preventing vehicle accidents requires the dedicated support of every commander, Leader, and Trooper.

4. **Punitive Nature:** Commanders will ensure that all Troopers are informed of this command policy. Failure to comply with this command policy may subject Troopers to adverse administrative action and/or action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

5. **Requirements:**

a. **Licensing:** Unless a Trooper physically possesses a OF 346 and have training properly annotated on a DA Form 348 at the time the equipment is used, they will not operate a: (1) military vehicle; (2) power related equipment; (3) power generation equipment above 1.5K; or (4) satellite communications equipment. Commanders will ensure operator training is conducted and recorded in accordance with AR 600-55, the 3d CR Driver's Training SOP, and maintained in G-Army.

b. **Vehicle Commanders.** All vehicles will have a Vehicle Commander in the rank of Corporal or above when operating the vehicle and leaving the unit motor pool. Vehicle commanders ensure the correct number of personnel and cargo is loaded into their vehicle and ensure load

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capabilities are not exceeded. Vehicle Commanders are responsible for all occupants to use restraints, either a seatbelt or Gunner Restraint System (GRS) prior to the vehicle moving. Vehicle Commanders will ensure a proper PMCS is conducted and the III Corps Drivers Inspection Checklist is attached. Additionally before any vehicle moves in our regiment, all windshields, lights, reflective markers, and vehicle optics will be clean and free of dirt or any obscuring material that would inhibit an operator's field of view.

c. Mandatory Seatbelt/Gunner Restraint System (GRS) Use. Vehicle Commanders will ensure that no Trooper is unrestrained in a vehicle normally equipped with seatbelt/GRS worn under the IOTV/OTV. Tactical vehicles will not be dispatched or leave a motor pool without properly installed seat belts/GRS. Vehicle Commanders will lead their crew in roll over drills prior to moving the vehicles.

d. Ground Guides.

(1) Ground guides will be trained in both hand/arm signals and flashlight signals using standards in TC 3-21.60. Only one ground guide will give signals to a driver. Drivers and ground guides will coordinate signals and duties before operations. Ground guides will use flash lights during limited visibility conditions. Voice signals are for emergency use only.

(2) Rear ground guides must be used whenever backing a vehicle or in a confined space or motor pool. Two ground guides will be used in the Fort Cavazos Cantonment Area. Ground guides must check perimeter of vehicle as well as overhead clearance prior to moving the vehicle.

e. Dispatching: Commanders will ensure dispatching procedures are understood and followed as outlined in DA Pam 750-8; Para 2-2. If a mission continues beyond the extended dispatch period, the unit must generate a new dispatch. Tactical vehicles with safety deadlines will not be dispatched. The following approval and duration limitations will be enforced by Commanders:

Type	Duration	Notes	Approval
Standard	1-Day	Includes Road Tests	Troop CDR
Standard OPTEMPO	Up to 8-Days	None	Troop CDR
Field	9 to 14-Days	Reference Tactical Operation SOP for additional guidance	Troop CDR
Field	15 to 30-Days	Reference TACSOP No Dispatches Over 30-Days	SCO
Off-Post	See Above	SCO must be briefed on route being used.	SCO

f. Additional Off-Post Dispatch Guidance. Off-post dispatch missions will only use approved routes to enter/exit Fort Cavazos (See Enclosure 1). When entering a Fort Cavazos ACP, the vehicle will use the furthest right open lane to not disrupt civilian traffic. 3d CR front and rear ground guides will be used 15-meters before and after an ACP.

g. Designated Ammunition Truck Routes. Fort Cavazos Ammunition Routes will be strictly observed and no ammunition will be transported over public highways or outside the installation without approval IAW FC Regulation 385-64. Department of Transportation requirements will be adhered to on all installation hard surface roads. All vehicles carrying ammunition must have

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a completed DD Form 626, two portable fire extinguishers rated class 10 B:C or greater, a copy of the Fort Cavazos approved written route plan, a DD Form 2890 with Emergency response numbers, and placards IAW 49 Code of Federal Regulations, parts 100-185. Vehicle personnel must have a current military driver's license, OF 346, annotated with authorized vehicle type(s) and Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) training endorsements along with a civilian driver's license, and AMMO-67-DL (9E-F69/920-F37) training.

h. Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Guidance. No POVs will travel thru, park-in, or be adjacent to ranges and training areas without Fort Cavazos Range Control approval and window pass.

i. Equipment Records. The following forms must be included in all equipment records folders: (1) DA Form 5987-E or DD Form 1970; (2) DA Form 5988-E or DD Form 2404; (3) 2x Standard Form 91; (4) 2x DD Form 518; (5) Deliberate Risk Assessment for the vehicle movement mission; (6) III Corps and Fort Cavazos Vehicle Inspection Form; and (7) If dispatch is off post, a Strip Map of Fort Cavazos ACPs approved for post access (See Enclosure 1 for approved routes) IAW with FC Regulation 750-2.

j. Vehicle Load Plans. Vehicle Commanders are responsible for maintaining safe vehicle load plans IAW AR 385-10, Chapter 11 to protect the crew during operation. Vehicle commanders will conduct a 360 degree walk-around of the vehicle to ensure there are no obstructions, personnel, or equipment in the vehicle path, and that all equipment on the vehicle is secured prior to moving the vehicle.

k. Vehicle Operator Uniform. All tactical vehicle occupants will wear an Army approved helmet, Army approved eye protection, and gloves. All vehicle intra-communication systems will be connected and utilized when equipped in the vehicle. Seatbelts and GRS systems will not be modified or altered.

k. Vehicle Communication Equipment. Strykers and other tactical vehicles requiring internal communication will not move unless the vehicle commander and driver have clear internal communications with each other.

l. Exposed Positions. Personnel in exposed positions such as Squad Leader, Vehicle Commander, or Air Guards on Stryker Family of Vehicles, gunners on turret equipped HMMWV, FMTV, or LMTV will ride no higher than name tape defilade.

m. Traffic Laws. All vehicle Commanders and Drivers will obey standard traffic safety rules, regulations and laws. Vehicle commanders will brief the route to all drivers and TCs before executing missions. The brief must include going through an approved ACP route if going off post. At no time will a vehicle "tail gate" slower vehicles.

n. Vehicle Spacing. Vehicles will travel no closer than 100 meters apart. In dry or dusty conditions, distance will be extended to dust cloud plus 100 meters (dust interval).

o. Specific Operating Requirements for Stryker Families of Vehicles. All Stryker vehicles operating on authorized routes within the cantonment area will travel with all external driving lights on regardless of the time of day.

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p. Tactical Vehicle Speed

(1) Tactical vehicles will obey posted speed limits and not to exceed 40 mph on hard surfaced roads; 25 mph on improved roads and trails; 15 mph cross country and unimproved roads.

(2) Vehicle operators and Vehicle Commanders will reduce speed and ground guide as necessary based on terrain and weather conditions.

(3) Due to bridge load limits and width restrictions, Strykers traversing Cowhouse Creek at Middle Crossing on West Range Road and Curry Crossing on East Range Road are restricted to one (1) vehicle at a maximum speed of 5MPH, while passing over the bridge at any time.

q. Limited Visibility Conditions. Tactical vehicle operators will use Driver's Vision Enhancers (DVEs) or Night Vision Goggles (NVGs) during limited visibility depending on the vehicle. Vehicle Commanders will use NVGs during limited visibility. NVGs will be mounted to the helmet and tied down to prevent loss. Vehicle Commanders will execute an escalation of light discipline when conducting tactical operations in unfamiliar terrain as need. When in doubt escalate to white light, dismount and ground guide until safe to mount and continue. Revert back to NVG or thermal as briefed.


r. Wingman. All tactical vehicles will operate in PAIRS when outside the cantonment area (past cattle guard). This includes LOGPAC and supply runs. Exception is Regiment and Squadron TOP 5. All requests to deviate must be approved by the RCO.

6. Effective Date: This policy is effective upon signature and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

7. The Point of Contact for this Command Policy is the Regimental Safety Manager at 254-415-8949 or frederick.d.chafey.civ@mail.mil.

Encl

1. Route to West FT Cavazos


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