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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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1. References:

- a. DODD 5525.04 (Enforcement of the State Traffic Laws on DOD Installations), 2 November 1981
 - b. AR 190-5 (Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision), 22 May 2006
 - c. DoDI 6055.04 (DoD Motor Vehicle and Traffic Safety), 27 August 2021
 - d. 32 CFR Part 634 (Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision)
- e. Md. Code Ann., Transp., Title 21, Subtitle 9 (Reckless, Negligent, or Impaired Driving; Fleeing or Eluding Police)
 - f. Md. Code Ann., Transp., § 16-101 (Drivers Must Be Licensed)
- g. Md. Code Ann., Transp. § 16-303 (Driving While Privilege is Canceled, Suspended, Refused, or Revoked)
- 2. Summary. This policy letter establishes procedures governing the suspension and revocation of on-post driving privileges on Fort George G. Meade (FMMD). This memorandum supersedes any previous policy memorandum regarding the suspension and/or revocation of driving privileges on Fort George G. Meade.
- 3. Applicability. Under the provisions of DODD 5525.4, Enforcement of the State Traffic Laws on DoD Installations, Army Regulation (AR) 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, and the Maryland Annotated Code this policy letter applies to all operators or passengers in/on any type of mechanical conveyance on FMMD, to include privately owned vehicles, military vehicles, recreational/trailers, motorcycles/mopeds, bicycles, and off-road vehicles (i.e. all-terrain vehicles). Driving a Government Owned Vehicle (GOV) or Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) on FMMD is a privilege granted by the Installation Commander. Persons accepting this privilege must comply with this policy letter, AR 190-5, and Maryland traffic laws as applied on post. The specific

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requirements for operating a motor vehicle on a military installation are found in AR 190-5, Chapter 2.

- 4. Suspension. Personnel committing the serious offenses listed below will have their on-post driving privileges suspended unless otherwise noted in this policy. The serious offenses are:
- a. Driving Under the Influence. Per AR 190-5, 2-4a(3), on-post driving privileges will be immediately suspended based upon the circumstances listed below:
- (1) Refusal to take or complete a lawfully requested chemical test to determine contents of blood for alcohol or other drugs.
- (2) Operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 percent by volume (0.08 grams per 100 milliliters) or higher or in violation of the law of the jurisdiction that is being assimilated on the military installation.
- (3) Operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.05 percent by volume but less than 0.08 percent blood alcohol by volume in violation of the law of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is being operated if the jurisdiction imposes a suspension solely on the basis of the BAC level (as measured in grams per 100 milliliters).
- (4) On an arrest report or other official documentation of the circumstances of an apprehension for intoxicated driving.
- b. Driving in a manner that violates the Maryland Code, Transportation Article, Title 21, Subtitle 9 (Reckless, Negligent, or Impaired Driving; Fleeing or Eluding Police). Suspension on this basis will take effect 14 calendar days after notification, unless a hearing is requested per AR 190-5.
- c. Recurring On-Post Moving Violations. Citation for repeated moving violations will be cause for suspension as follows:
 - (1) Incurring two (2) moving violation citations within six (6) months;
 - (2) Incurring three (3) moving violation citations within 18 months;
- (3) Suspension on these bases will take effect 14 days after notification, unless a hearing is requested per AR 190-5.
- d. Other violations of Army Regulations or state traffic laws may warrant suspension at the Garrison Commander's discretion.

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- 5. Automatic Revocation. Suspensions for intoxicated driving offenses will automatically become a revocation applicable on all military installations (per AR 190-5 para. 2-4b(3)) upon conviction, imposition of non-judicial punishment (for military personnel), or administrative determination that confirms the charge. Such revocations will be for a period of 12 months beginning on the date the original suspension was imposed, excluding any period during which driving privileges may have been restored pending resolution of charges. Test refusal revocations will add an additional 12 months to any other suspension or revocation incurred. Revocations cancel any full or restricted driving privileges that may have been restored during suspension, but restricted driving privileges may be requested again.
- 6. Driving While License or Installation Driving Privileges are Under Suspension or Revocation.
- a. Installation driving privileges will be <u>revoked</u> upon a determination, after the opportunity for a hearing, that a driver has violated Maryland Code, Transportation Article, Section 16-303 (Driving while privilege is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked), Maryland Code, Transportation Article, Section 16-101 (Drivers must be licensed), or a prior order suspending installation driving privileges. The revocation will take effect 14 calendar days after notification, unless a hearing is requested per AR 190-5.
- b. Driving in violation of a current suspension or revocation of installation driving privileges will result in the original period of suspension or revocation being extended and may justify additional periods of suspension/revocation.
- 7. Applicability to Operation of Military or Government Vehicles.
- a. For suspensions/revocations not involving driving under the influence, suspension of driving privileges is limited to POV operation only. The suspended individual's chain of command and/or supervisor will determine whether the individual will be permitted to operate a GOV or tactical vehicle during the suspension period.
- b. For suspensions/revocations involving driving under the influence, an individual's battalion command or first O-5 (GS-13/GS-14) in his/her supervisory chain may authorize the suspended person to operate a tactical vehicle during the suspension period. The authorizing commander/supervisor will ensure that the individual carries a written authorization on their person while operating a tactical vehicle. The approval authority for operating a GOV or POV is withheld to the Garrison Commander.

8. Procedure.

a. Representatives of the Fort Meade Police Department (GS-11 or higher) have been designated by the Garrison Commander to issue suspension or revocation notices

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within 72 hours of an on-post offense via certified mail or in-person when reliable evidence exists to believe that a driver has committed one of the offenses listed in paragraph four (4) above. The notice will identify the offense which triggered the suspension or revocation, inform the individual that a suspension for intoxicated driving will become a revocation upon conviction, and include an explanation of the individual's rights to a hearing, notice of their right to counsel or other representation, and instructions for requesting restricted driving privileges and/or reinstatement.

- b. Unit commanders requesting the suspension or revocation of a service member's installation driving privileges for an off-post traffic incident or for any reason other than those listed at paragraph four (4) above, should route the request to the Garrison Commander through the Fort Meade Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA).
- c. All suspensions/revocations are subject to modification by the Garrison Commander in response to appeals, requests for reconsideration, or requests for restricted driving privileges.
- d. All suspensions/revocations will be tracked within the Army Law Enforcement Tracking System (ALERTs) and in a DES/OSJA jointly managed database.
- 9. Hearing Officer Designation. The Administrative Law Division within the Fort Meade OSJA has delegated the authority to administer hearings requested in accordance with AR 190-5. Any attorney assigned to the Administrative Law Division may conduct the hearing at the direction of the Chief Administrative Law. The Provost Marshal will serve as the hearing officer for suspensions based on recurring on-post moving violations (paragraph 4.c, above).
- 10. Restricted Driving Privileges. Restricted driving privileges may be requested at any time during a suspension or revocation if the driver has a valid reason to be on the installation. To request restricted driving privileges, the driver must submit a written request to the Garrison Commander through the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, ATTN: AMIM-MEG-JAP, 4217 Morrison Street, Building 4217, Fort Meade, MD 20755.
- 11. This request must include an explanation of why restricted driving privileges should be granted, the purpose of the visit, the direct route to be taken, and a copy of a valid state driver's license. Factors to be considered are: (1) mission requirements; (2) unusual personal or family hardships; (3) delays exceeding 90 days, not attributable to the individual, in the formal disposition of an apprehension or charges that are the basis for any type of suspension or revocation; and (4) when there is no reasonably available alternate means of transportation to officially assigned duties. Restricted driving privileges will not be granted to any person whose driver license or right to operate motor vehicles is under suspension/revocation by a State or Federal licensing authority.

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12. Reinstatement of Driving Privileges. At the conclusion of the revocation or suspension period, driving privileges will be automatically restored, if all applicable revocations and suspensions have expired, proof of completion of remedial driving course or substance abuse counselling has been provided (if required), and proof of a valid state driver's license has been provided. All required information should be submitted to:

Directorate of Emergency Services ATTN: AMIM-MEG-ES 6619 Mapes Road Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5045

- 12. Proponent. The Directorate of Emergency Services, 6619 Mapes Road, Fort Meade, MD, telephone (301) 677-6618.
- 13. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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