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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATZP-CDR

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy on Motorcycle Safety Training

1. References:

a. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1205.3

b. DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, 20 July 1999.

c. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, 12 March 1987.

d. AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program (Selection, Training, Testing, and Licensing), 31 December 1993.

e. POM PAM 385-1, Installation Safety Manual, 1 June 1996.

f. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 8 July 1988.

g. POM Regulation 190-5, Military Police Presidio of Monterey Traffic Policy, March 18, 1997.

2. Purpose: Establish the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey (DLIFLC & POM) policy on motorcycle safety training.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military and Department of Defense (DOD) employees applying for a motorcycle registration decal at DLIFLC & POM. This is a one-time requirement; however, commanders may employ this course as a motorcycle driver's sustainment training. This policy does not supersede requirements under the California Department of Motor Vehicle Code, which may be more stringent.

4. Proponent: The proponent for this policy is the Command Safety Office, ATZP-SAF, at extension 6507. This policy supersedes the previous policy dated 24 Feb 03.

5. Definitions:

a. Experienced riders - those who can provide proof of a valid and current license to operate the class of motorcycle for which they are registering and with at least six months or 3,000 miles of current (within the past year) riding time.

b. Novice riders - those who have never been licensed to operate the class of motorcycle for which they are registering, or who cannot show proof of such license or with less than six months or 3,000 miles of current (within the past year) riding time.

6. Policies:

a. Military and DOD employees registering a motorcycle to drive in the installation must--

(1) Have a valid and current state motorcycle driver's license.

(2) Show proof of insurance.

(3) Comply with personal protective equipment requirements as outlined in DODI 6055.4, Para. 2.2 and Para E3.2.7.

(4) Complete an approved motorcycle safety course successfully and provide proof of completion.

b. Novice riders must successfully complete the Motorcycle Basic Rider Course (BRC) as a prerequisite to obtaining their motorcycle registration decal. Proof of completion must be provided to the Vehicle Registration Office. If the novice rider has completed the course mandated by the California Department of Motor Vehicle/California Highway Patrol, this completion certificate will suffice as having met attendance to the Basic Rider Course (BRC). In the latter case, the novice rider shall attend and successfully complete the Experienced Riders Course (ERC).

c. Experienced applicants must successfully complete the ERC as a prerequisite to obtaining their motorcycle registration decal. Proof of completion must be provided to the Vehicle Registration Office.

d. The BRC and the ERC are provided free of charge to applicants. The Command Safety Office coordinates these courses. Reservations shall be made directly to the Command Safety Office. The Command Safety Office manages the Motorcycle Safety Training Program.

e. Below is a short description of the Basic Rider Course and the Experienced Riders Course.

(1) The Basic Rider Course is aimed at beginning riders of all ages. This is a two-day course. A minimum of seven hours classroom instruction prepares the student for at least eight hours of practical riding in a controlled, off-street environment, typically a parking lot. Motorcycles and helmets are included in your course fee. Our local training vendor has available on loan most motorcycles used in the course. Motorcycles of unlicensed riders shall be transported or ridden to the proficiency course by a person who is properly licensed. In this course, you will learn how to operate a motorcycle safely, with a lot of emphasis on the special skills and mental attitude necessary for dealing with traffic. The course concludes with a knowledge test and skill evaluation. When all requirements are met, you will receive a course completion card.

(2) The Experienced Riders Course is a one-day course. You must use your own motorcycle and helmet. This one-day course is both classroom instruction and practical riding on a controlled motorcycle area. This course is designed to hone your skills and fine-tune the mental skills needed for survival in traffic. Completion of this course also may qualify graduates for insurance premium discounts with some motorcycle insurers.

7. Effective Date: Effective immediately on the date signed. The new requirement regarding attendance to the Basic Riding Course is applicable to appropriate individuals registering their motorcycles on or after 24 February 2003. This policy shall be incorporated when POM PAM 385-1 is revised.

MICHAEL R. SIMONE
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