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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military and Civilian Personnel

SUBJECT: Commanding General Policy Memorandum 6-29 – Motorcycle Safety

1. References:

- a. DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, 19 Apr 02
- b. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, 12 Mar 87

2. United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) has recently experienced an increase in accidental fatalities involving motorcycles. Many of these accidents can be attributed to a lack of discipline and noncompliance with standards. I want to reaffirm my personal commitment to motorcycle safety. The purpose of this policy is to reduce motorcycle accidents by providing clear motorcycle safety guidance.

3. This policy memorandum applies to:

- a. All Soldiers at all times; i.e., on or off-duty, on or off post
- b. All civilians while on the installation
- c. Civilian employees operating a motorcycle off-post on official government business

4. All personnel are required to successfully complete the approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Course. Commanders may not waive this requirement, but personnel are authorized to operate their motorcycle for the sole purpose of attending the Motorcycle Safety Course on the day of training. The course is provided at no cost to military personnel or DOD civilians, and personnel will not be charged leave to attend the course. To schedule the required motorcycle training, contact the Safety Office at 751-6004/2541.

5. All motorcycle operators and passengers must wear the following personal protective equipment when operating a motorcycle.

- a. A properly fastened helmet that meets the Department of Transportation safety standards

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b. Impact or shatter resistant goggles, wrap-around goggles, or full-face shield (attached to helmet) that meet or exceed ANSI Standard Z 87.1. Windshields or eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection.

c. Long pants

d. Long sleeved shirt or jacket

e. Full fingered gloves

f. Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes

g. A brightly colored reflective safety vest during daylight conditions and a retroreflective vest during hours of darkness. These items will be clearly visible and not covered. A reflective sash or belt does not satisfy this requirement.

6. Motorcycles must have two rear view mirrors, one on each side.

7. Motorcycles must have headlights turned on at all times.

8. All Fort Jackson personnel who own or operate a motorcycle will acknowledge, in writing, that they have read and understand the provisions outlined in this policy memorandum.

9. Proponent is Fort Jackson Safety Office at 751-6004 or 7553. This supersedes all previous Fort Jackson policy memorandums on motorcycle safety.



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