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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FORT JACKSON SOLDIERS

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 6-10, Fort Jackson Motorcycle Safety Program

1. The Army continues to lose Soldiers to motorcycle accidents at an alarming rate. Trend analysis indicates excessive speed, reckless operation, and operator inexperience as common causal factors.
2. The Fort Jackson Motorcycle Safety Program is designed to include the full spectrum of motorcycle safety, including training (initial, progressive, and refresher), leadership, mentorship, and responsibilities.
3. Motorcycle safety policies and procedures apply to all types of motorized equipment with two wheels. This includes motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds. When used within this document, the term motorcycle will be construed to mean any of these vehicle types.
4. Scope. Motorcycle safety policies and procedures apply to:
  - a. All Soldiers at all times: on or off-duty, on or off-post.
  - b. All civilians while on the installation.
  - c. Civilian employees while on official government business.
5. Responsibilities.
  - a. Commanders:
    - (1) Identify unit motorcycle riders and ensure face-to-face counseling between first-line supervisors and Soldiers who ride.
    - (2) Support and promote unit level motorcycle safety activities that reinforce positive training, mentorship, and riding within regulatory limits.
    - (3) Establish unit mentorship programs and select suitable unit mentors to coach unit motorcycle riders.
    - (4) Ensure all Soldiers have a completed motorcycle operator checklist on file.

(5) Ensure all Soldiers who own or operate a motorcycle have a completed motorcycle agreement on file.

b. Soldiers who operate motorcycles:

(1) Comply with motorcycle training, licensing, and operating requirements.

(2) Apply the principles of composite risk management.

(3) Properly wear and maintain the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

(4) Recognize the inherently dangerous nature of motorcycle operations and demonstrate self-discipline and accident avoidance while riding.

(5) Consider membership in a motorcycle club that adheres to the Army principles of safe riding.

c. Directorate of Emergency Services:

(1) Require verification of motorcycle training prior to any Soldier registering a motorcycle on the installation.

(2) Ensure security personnel and military police officers are aware of, and are enforcing, the provisions of this policy. Soldiers who are found to be in violation will not be denied entrance to the installation, but will be halted in a safe area at the gate and the chain of command will be notified to recover the Soldier.

6. General Requirements.

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

b. Motorcycles must have headlights illuminated at all times.

c. Motorcycle safety is a required element in reception and integration counseling for all newly arrived Fort Jackson personnel.

7. Protective Equipment. All motorcycle operators and passengers must wear the following PPE when operating a motorcycle (or while riding as a passenger):

a. A properly fastened helmet that meets the Department of Transportation safety standards. Novelty helmets do not meet this requirement. The helmet will be securely fastened under the chin.

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. sturdy, over-the-ankle, leather boots or shoes

g. A brightly-colored and reflective upper outer garment that is clearly visible and not covered. A vest or jacket that is brightly colored and reflective will satisfy this requirement. A reflective sash or belt will not satisfy the requirement as the upper outer garment, but will be used as an augmentation when a backpack is worn.

## 8. Training.

### a. Minimum Training:

(1) All Soldiers are required to successfully complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) before operating a motorcycle. To schedule the required motorcycle training, contact the Safety Office at 751-6004.

(2) Commanders may not waive or defer the training requirement.

(3) Training is provided at no cost to military personnel or DOD civilians (also available on a space available basis for family members and retirees), and personnel will not be charged pass or leave to attend the course.

(4) Motorcycles will be provided for the BRC.

(5) Motorcycle operators must have their motorcycle safety card in their possession at all times while operating a motorcycle.

(6) This training does not license individuals to operate a motorcycle. Individuals must seek licensing through the appropriate Department of Motor Vehicles.

b. Progressive Training. After completion of the BRC, and after at least 90 days of riding experience, Soldiers will then complete either the Experienced Riders Course (ERC) or the Military Sport Bike Riders Course (MSRC), as appropriate. (Course selection depends on type motorcycle owned) Both courses are one day in duration and students must provide their own motorcycle.

c. Refresher Training. Motorcycle refresher training will be provided for newly arrived/redeployed Soldiers who operate motorcycles. Soldiers will complete either the ERC or the MSRC, as appropriate. Both courses are 1 day in duration and students must provide their own motorcycle. Training is provided at no cost, and Soldiers will not be charged pass or leave in order to attend. Training can be scheduled through the Fort Jackson Safety Office at 751-6004. Refresher training is mandatory for Soldiers under the following conditions:

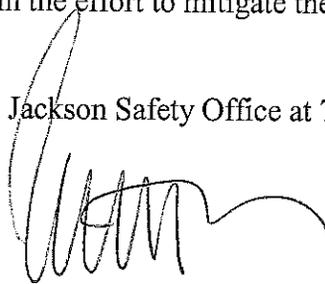
- (1) NLT than 30 days after PCS/TCS to Fort Jackson
- (2) NLT than 30 days after redeployment (six months or greater)
- (3) Prior to demobilization
- (4) Commander discretion

9. Motorcycle Mentorship Programs. Each organization is required to implement a Motorcycle Mentorship Program. Mentorship programs are a cost/labor effective means to act as an information conduit for motorcycle safety education and awareness and promote command objectives related to motorcycle safety. Unit motorcycle mentors must:

- a. Be an experienced (5 or more years) motorcycle rider in good standing. Maturity, experience, and leadership skills are key requirements for any mentor.
- b. Set the example for responsible motorcycle riding.
- c. Mentor Soldiers in purchasing, riding, and maintaining motorcycles.
- d. Organize and promote activities for motorcycle safety in support of the Commanders Safety Program.

10. It is fair to assume that we will continue to see an increase in Soldiers who ride motorcycles for the foreseeable future. Leader engagement at all levels combined with the personal discipline of motorcycle operators are critical elements in the effort to mitigate the hazards to our Soldiers who ride.

11. Point of contact for this policy is the Fort Jackson Safety Office at 751-6004.



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