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ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO-TRI//

SUBJECT: REDUCING DRIVER FATIGUE REGARDING THE OPERATION OF TACTICAL  
AND NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES

REFERENCES:

A. AR 385-10, THE ARMY SAFETY PROGRAM, 27 AUGUST 2007

B. AR 600-55, THE ARMY DRIVER AND OPERATOR STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM  
(SELECTION, TRAINING, TESTING, AND LICENSING), 18 JUNE 2007.

1. THE INTENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY (MILITARY OR CIVILIAN ON AND OFF INSTALLATIONS)  
TO ENSURE HE OR SHE IS GETTING THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF REST TO OPERATE  
ANY VEHICLE IN THE ARMY INVENTORY (TACTICAL OR NON-TACTICAL) IN A SAFE  
MANNER.

2. THIS MESSAGE ALSO STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SENIOR OCCUPANT  
AND THE CONVOY COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE OPERATION OF  
MILITARY VEHICLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH AR 600-55, CHAPTER 1, TO PREVENT  
ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES.

2.A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1-4, THE SENIOR OCCUPANT IN A  
MILITARY VEHICLE IS THE RANKING INDIVIDUAL PRESENT. THE SENIOR  
OCCUPANT WILL ENSURE THE DRIVER DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM OPERATING  
HOURS LISTED IN AR 385-10, PARAGRAPH 11-4, WITHOUT A REST BREAK.

2.B. DO NOT PERMIT A DRIVER WHO APPEARS FATIGUED OR PHYSICALLY,  
MENTALLY, OR EMOTIONALLY IMPAIRED TO OPERATE A VEHICLE.

2.C. ENSURE THE AUTHORIZED SEATING CAPACITY OF THE VEHICLE IS NOT  
EXCEEDED.

2.D. ENSURE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS WEAR INSTALLED RESTRAINT SYSTEMS WHEN  
THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.

2.E. ASSIST THE DRIVER IN RECOGNIZING UNSAFE TRAFFIC SITUATIONS AND  
UNSAFE MECHANICAL CONDITIONS OF THE VEHICLE.

2.F. ASSIST THE DRIVER IN BACKING OR EXECUTING DIFFICULT MANEUVERS.

2.G. ENSURE THE DRIVER COMPLIES WITH ROAD SIGNS AND POSTED SPEED LIMITS AND ADJUSTS AS DICTATED BY WEATHER, TRAFFIC, AND ROAD CONDITIONS.

2.H. ENSURES HIGHWAY WARNING DEVICES ARE PROPERLY DISPLAYED WHEN THE VEHICLE IS STOPPED ON OR BESIDE THE TRAVELED PORTION OF THE STREET, ROAD, OR HIGHWAY (SEE FM 21-305).

3. FURTHER GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN AR 385-10, THE ARMY SAFETY PROGRAM. CHAPTER 11 EMPHASIZES THE ROLES OF THE DRIVER, VEHICLE COMMANDER (VC) AND THE SENIOR COMMANDER (SC) OF ARMY MILITARY VEHICLES (AMV).

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