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SUBJ/MOTORCYCLE AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS//

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AMPN/REF A IS CNO NAVY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM. REF B IS CHAPTER II, MANUAL OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL// GENTEXT/REMARKS//1. FAR TOO MANY OF OUR SAILORS HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED OR HAVE DIED IN PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE (PMV) AND MOTORCYCLE MISHAPS. IN FY08, 33 SAILORS PERISHED IN MOTORCYCLE INCIDENTS ALONE. THAT IS MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF SAILORS WE LOST IN OIF AND OEF COMBINED THIS YEAR. THIS IS A TRAGEDY FOR OUR SERVICE, CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENT TO NAVAL READINESS, AND REQUIRES GREATER VIGILANCE AT EVERY LEVEL OF COMMAND.

2. REF A, A LAWFUL GENERAL ORDER, REQUIRES SAFETY MEASURES FOR THOSE OPERATING OR RIDING IN PMVS AND THOSE OPERATING OR RIDING ON MOTORCYCLES. VIOLATIONS OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UCMJ. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS REF A BY IMPOSING ADDITIONAL REPORTING, TRAINING, AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.

3. PROPER SEAT BELT USAGE DRAMATICALLY REDUCES THE CHANCE OF INJURY DURING MOTOR VEHICLE MISHAPS. ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED BY REF A TO WEAR A SEATBELT AT ALL TIMES, WORLDWIDE, WHETHER DRIVING OR RIDING AS A PASSENGER. FAILURE TO WEAR A SEAT BELT WHILE DRIVING OR RIDING IN A PMV IS PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UCMJ.

4. WITH REGARD TO MOTORCYCLES, TRENDS INDICATE AN INCREASE IN RECKLESSNESS AND NONCOMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC LAWS AMONG YOUNGER RIDERS, ESPECIALLY SPORT-BIKE RIDERS. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO SAFEGUARD MILITARY PERSONNEL AND TO IMPROVE NAVAL READINESS.

A. MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP IS A SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY. PRIOR TO PURCHASING A MOTORCYCLE, ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL CONSULT WITH THE FIRST KHAKI IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND TO BE CERTAIN THEY ARE AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT COME WITH OWNERSHIP. THESE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PROPER LICENSING, INSURANCE, REGISTRATION, TRAINING, AND MANDATORY WEAR OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE). REF A PERTAINS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.SAFETYCENTER.NAVY.MIL/ASHORE/MOTORVEHICLE/MOTORCYCLE](http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/motorcycle).

B. ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO OWN A MOTORCYCLE, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT INTEND TO RIDE ON BASE, WILL PERSONALLY REPORT MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP TO THEIR COMMANDER, COMMANDING OFFICER, OR OFFICER IN CHARGE, VIA THE FIRST KHAKI IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE. AS THIS IS A GENERAL ORDER, FAILURE TO REPORT OWNERSHIP OF A MOTORCYCLE IS PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UCMJ. COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND OFFICERS IN CHARGE ARE TO ENSURE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NAVADMIN TO ALL HANDS.

C. COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS, OFFICERS IN CHARGE, OR THE SENIOR NAVAL MEMBER ASSIGNED TO AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS HEADED BY A CIVILIAN ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE LIST OF MILITARY MOTORCYCLE RIDERS IN THEIR COMMAND, UNIT, AGENCY, OR ORGANIZATION. THESE OFFICERS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL RIDERS HAVE A VALID MOTORCYCLE DRIVER'S LICENSE, VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR STREET MOTORCYCLES, REQUIRED INSURANCE, AND HAVE ATTENDED OR ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION (MSF) TRAINING COURSES, TO INCLUDE REQUIRED REFRESHER TRAINING AT THE INTERVALS PRESCRIBED IN REF A. MOTORCYCLE TRAINING POCS BY REGION ARE LISTED AT

[HTTP://WWW.SAFETYCENTER.NAVY.MIL/ASHORE/MOTORVEHICLE/MOTORCYCLE-TRAINING-POC.ASP](http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/motorcycle-training-poc.asp). ADDITIONALLY, THEY WILL APPOINT A COMMAND

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL REPORT THE COMMAND'S MOTORCYCLE RIDER DEMOGRAPHICS TO THE IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND (ISIC) AND ON THE MOTORCYCLE CENSUS LOCATED ON THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER'S WEB SITE AT

HTTP://WWW.SAFETYCENTER.NAVY.MIL/ASHORE/MOTORVEHICLE/MOTORCYCLE/REGISTER.CFM.

D. ISIC'S ARE DIRECTED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ENSURING THE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS FROM THEIR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS ARE COMPLETED AS DIRECTED IN THIS MESSAGE AND RESULTS ARE REPORTED UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. WITHOUT THAT LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT, THE INTENT OF THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED.

E. ECHELON II COMMANDERS WILL CONSOLIDATE THE MOTORCYCLE DEMOGRAPHIC REPORTS FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC REPORT OF THAT INFORMATION TO CNO N1, CNIC (N35) AND COMNAVSAFECEN (CODE 42) BY 14 NOVEMBER 08.

F. CNIC IN COORDINATION WITH CNO N1 AND COMNAVSAFECEN WILL PROVIDE QUARTERLY TRAINING UPDATES FOR THE TONE OF THE FORCE REPORT.

G. COMMANDS SHALL ENCOURAGE MILITARY PERSONNEL TO COMPLETE THE MSF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE PRIOR TO PURCHASE OF THE MOTORCYCLE ON INSTALLATIONS WHERE THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDES A MOTORCYCLE FOR USE IN THE COURSE.

COMMANDERS SHALL ALLOW MOTORCYCLE RIDERS TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED MSF TRAINING DURING WORKING HOURS.

5. MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST MEET ALL APPLICABLE LICENSING, REGISTRATION, INSURANCE, AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE STREET RIDING. VIOLATION IS PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UCMJ.

6. REF A MANDATES THAT ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WEAR PPE WHILE RIDING A MOTORCYCLE. FAILURE TO WEAR REQUIRED PPE WHILE RIDING A MOTORCYCLE IS PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UCMJ.

7. LINE OF DUTY/MISCONDUCT DETERMINATIONS. RECKLESS OR UNSAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTORCYCLES NOT ONLY JEOPARDIZES LIFE AND LIMB, BUT ALSO NAVY CAREERS AND THE BENEFITS THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL OR THEIR FAMILIES MAY DEPEND ON IN THE EVENT OF INJURY OR DEATH. LEADERSHIP AT EVERY LEVEL MUST ENSURE OUR SAILORS UNDERSTAND JUST HOW MUCH RIDES ON THE DECISIONS THEY MAKE AND THE RISKS THEY ASSUME. REF B PERTAINS.

8. DON CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY POLICIES IN REF A AT ANY TIME WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE ON A NAVY INSTALLATION AND WHILE CONDUCTING OFFICIAL DON DUTY OFF-BASE IN A PMV OR PRIVATELY OWNED MOTORCYCLE. THIS INCLUDES SEAT BELT USAGE IN PMVS, AS WELL AS MOTORCYCLE LICENSING, REGISTRATION, TRAINING, INSURANCE, AND PPE REQUIREMENTS. AS THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE FOR THE TOTAL FORCE, ALL DON CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THEIR COMMANDER, COMMANDING OFFICER, OFFICER IN CHARGE, VIA THEIR SUPERVISOR, THAT THEY OWN AND/OR OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE.

9. SAFETY PROGRAMS DO NOT REPLACE LEADERSHIP, BUT THEY DO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS FOR NAVAL LEADERS. THESE ACTIONS PROVIDE OUR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING THEY NEED TO AVOID OR SURVIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE MISHAP. COMMANDS WILL ENSURE STRICT ADHERENCE TO THIS NAVADMIN AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. THIS WILL SET THE FOUNDATION OF PROPER PRACTICES THAT WILL HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY AND DON CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHEN ON THE ROAD.

10. RELEASED BY ADMIRAL G. ROUGHEAD, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. //

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