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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 2009-03 – Motorcycle Safety

1. The members, employees, and Families of the California National Guard (CNG) are our most important assets. Unfortunately, motorcycle accidents continue to be a significant cause of serious injury and death among Soldiers and Airmen. Command teams at every level must take all reasonable precautions to safeguard our people. We must work together to foster an environment for safe motorcycle operations both on and off our installations.
2. This policy takes effect 1 September 2009 and directs all riders to comply with the safety measures outlined in the references below and complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) approved rider safety course before operating a motorcycle on any military installation, which includes JFHQ, armories, air bases and training sites. The safety course must include the following:
 - a. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA), or MSF-based State-approved curriculum taught by certified or licensed instructors.
 - b. Hands-on training.
 - c. A written and performance-based evaluation.
3. Various DOD, Service and NGB regulations (referenced below) also establish requirements for military personnel to complete a training course, wear proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when riding, be appropriately licensed by the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and have their motorcycle properly registered with the DMV. The following PPE is mandatory for all training and operations required by this policy:
 - a. Helmets: Certified to meet US Department of Transportation standards, and properly fastened beneath the chin.
 - b. Goggles and Face Shields: Impact or shatter-resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet. A windshield or eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection.
 - c. Sturdy footwear: Boots or over-the-ankle shoes.
 - d. Clothing: Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.
 - e. Garment Visibility: A brightly colored, reflective, outer upper garment during the day and night. Approved examples are identified on <https://portal.ca.ngb.army.mil/sites/Safety-OH-IH/Pages/vehicles.aspx>

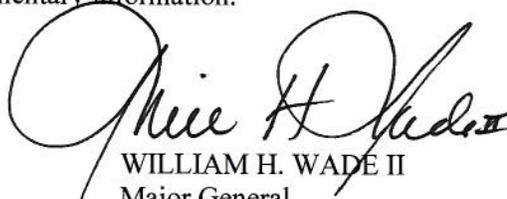
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4. Motorcycle safety training required by this policy may be provided to Soldiers at no cost, if funds are available. Soldiers should contact the JFHQ Ground Safety Office for more information (see para 6 below for contact info). Airmen should consult with their local Wing Ground Safety Office for course offerings and costs.

5. Policy compliance is mandatory for all California Military Department service members in any duty status (including Soldiers/Airmen on the following statuses: AGR, ADSW, Title 32, SAD, ESAD, IDT, ADT, Fed. Tech., FTM, FTNG, CSMR on SAD). This policy also applies to personnel while in uniform, while on duty, or while on or off a CMD installation. While not mandatory for non-dual-status Federal Technicians, service members not in a duty status, and State Civil Service employees, compliance is strongly encouraged for safety reasons. Noncommissioned officers and leaders at all levels will enforce the standards set forth in this policy.

6. Questions regarding this policy can be directed to MAJ Robert Horvath, Safety Specialist, (916) 845-1440, or email: Robert.horvath1@us.army.mil. Additional information is available at <https://portal.ca.ngb.army.mil/sites/Safety-OH-IH/Pages/vehicles.aspx>, and <http://www.calguard.ca.gov/gs/Pages/default.aspx>. Air National Guard personnel should contact their local Wing Ground Safety Office for supplementary information.



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References:

DoDI 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, dated 20 Jul 99
AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, dated 12 Mar 87
AR 385-10, Army Safety Program, dated 7 Nov 08
AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dated 8 Jul 88
AFPD 91-2, USAF Mishap Prevention Program, dated 28 Sep 93
AFI 91-207, USAF Traffic Safety Program, dated 22 May 07
NGR 385-10, Army National Guard Safety Program, dated 12 Sep 08
California Vehicle Code Section 12500-12527