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SUBJECT: Command Policy Memorandum CG-02 – Command Safety Policy

1. Current statistics indicate the need for increased emphasis in the area of privately owned motor vehicle (PMV-4) safety to prevent accidents and fatalities. Army wide, PMV accidents (to include motorcycle) accounted for 79 Soldier fatalities in FY13 and 73 Soldier fatalities for FY14. Fort Polk had one PMV-4 fatality in FY14, no fatalities in FY15, and so far no fatalities in FY16. Leadership engagement is paramount in the reduction of accidents. I expect leaders to identify and provide corrective training for Soldiers at high risk for speeding, seatbelt violations, texting while driving, and talking on the cell phone.
2. Speeding, reckless behavior, and other acts of indiscipline contribute to the majority of our off-duty fatal accidents. I require leadership to identify these patterns by reviewing the blotter reports for continuous traffic incidents and repetitive ticket violations within a six month period. Identifying at-risk Soldiers early allows leaders and first-line supervisors to develop a plan and have an impact on the Soldiers' off-duty behavior.
3. Most off-duty Army accidents occur on weekends during the hours of 0300 – 0600. Each member of our team is important and the premise of reducing loss of life or limb applies to all Soldiers, Civilians, Family members, and contractors. The focus of this command is to reduce the number of fatalities on and off-post. The following are required additional safety courses:
  - a. All Soldiers planning to operate a motorcycle will successfully complete an approved MSF Basic Rider Course (BRC) prior to operating the vehicle. Within 12 months of completing the initial training, BRC II or Military Sport Bike Riders Course must be completed as mandatory follow-on training. Soldiers taking the BRC for educational purposes only should inform their leadership that they are a non-rider. Soldiers that ride ATVs are strongly recommended to take the ATV safety course or the Recreational Off-highway Vehicle course designed for side-by-side ATVs.
  - b. Newly assigned personnel will complete the local hazard driving course, Soldiers age 25 and under will complete the intermediate driver's course.
  - c. All Soldiers will complete the Travel Risk Planning System (TRIPS) found at <https://safety.army.mil/> prior to going on leave or pass outside the 250 mile radius.

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4. Commanders are encouraged to establish a unit taxi program to ensure Soldiers have a means of getting home in case they had too much to drink. I also encourage the designated drivers program, where one person drinks soft drinks during the course of the night.

5. Commanders who have motorcycle riders will counsel those Soldiers to ensure they have a valid motorcycle driver's license, proper PPE and have attended the required training; MSF Riders Course, Basic Riders Course, Basic Riders Course 2 or Military Sport Bike Riders Course (MSRC). Commanders will also establish a motorcycle mentorship program that will include planned rides with novice riders. All Soldiers will read and familiarize themselves with Command Policy Memorandum SA-02 – Motorcycle Safety Requirements.

6. All personnel that reside on Fort Polk are required under Army Regulation 190-11 and Fort Polk Regulation 190-3 to register their privately owned weapons with the installation Provost Marshall Office within 5 days of arrival. Anyone who resides off post will register all firearms that will be transported on the installation for the purpose of engaging in authorized activities. Personnel residing in the barracks will register and store privately owned weapons in their unit arms room. I want Soldiers and Civilians to practice good weapon discipline. Weapon muzzles and safety selectors should be in a safe position when in transit with the weapon. Never walk in front of a loaded weapon and ensure the buddy system is utilized while hunting. The Command Safety Office offers a privately owned firearm safety class on a routine basis and all weapons owners are highly encouraged to attend.

7. Risk Management and safety are force multipliers and the more we enforce safety standards and drive that point home, the number of accidents will decline. All accidents are reportable; it is essential to track trends to ensure specific focus is placed on the root cause of accidents. Reporting requirements for all accidents are identified in AR 385-10, chapter 3 and JRTC and Fort Polk Regulation 385-4, chapter 10.

8. For long weekends, PMV inspections are required by the chain of command. If Soldiers are traveling in a PMV, they must utilize the TRiPS program on the CRC website. Leaders will brief Soldiers on the hazards of driving and methods to mitigate those hazards. Commanders shall ensure that alert rosters are completed, verified, and disseminated so Soldiers possess the correct contact numbers in the event there is an emergency.

9. Our Soldiers' safety is vital to maintaining a sharp combat edge. It is our responsibility to guide them and sustain their well-being. This is a team effort. Army readiness is driven by a strong safety culture and preserving this nation's greatest

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asset, the men and women in uniform that defend us. ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG!

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Brigadier General, USA  
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