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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy Memorandum G3-06 – Use of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk

1. Purpose: To publish command guidance on the procedures for utilizing MRAP vehicles on Fort Polk and along approved off-post routes.
2. References.
 - a. Message, HQ, USFOR-A FRAGO 10-069, 23 February 2010, subject: Tactical Vehicle Rollover Prevention and Safety Training.
 - b. Message, HQ, US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), AFOP-TCO, 12 March 2010, subject: FORSCOM Policy for Licensing Operators on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Line of Vehicles.
 - c. Message, HQ, FORSCOM, AFOP-TCO, 24 May 2010, subject: MRAP Usage Guidance.
 - d. Message, HQ, FORSCOM, AFOP-TCO, 28 January 2011, subject: FORSCOM Policy for Driver Training on the MRAP Line of Vehicles.
 - e. Training Circular 7-31, HQ, Training and Doctrine Command, February 2011, MRAP Family of Vehicles Driver Training.
 - f. Memorandum, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk Command Policy Memorandum SA-01, Subject: Vehicle Commander Requirements.
 - g. Message, TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, Safety of Use Message number 13-014, 6 September 2013, subject: MRAP Safety of Use Message.
 - h. Training Strategy, HQ, FORSCOM AFOP-TCO, 19 November 2013, subject: FORSCOM Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Family of Vehicles Training Strategy.
 - i. Army Regulation (AR) 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 27 November 2013.
 - j. Message, HQ, FORSCOM, AFPE-SA, subject: MRAP Safety Alert Message.

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2. Situation: MRAP vehicles have become the platform of choice in contingency operations and many units will have them added to their MTOEs by 2015. This drives a requirement for both rotational and home station units to conduct training on this class of vehicles. Training requirements on Fort Polk necessitate the use of MRAPs both on and off post, adding to the risks associated with operating these vehicles.

3. Risk Mitigation Strategy:

a. Composite Risk Management (CRM): There are many risks associated with using MRAP vehicles, many of which are unique to a particular vehicle or one of its add-on enablers. Drivers must be licensed in accordance with (IAW) the references listed above. Unit commanders at all levels will integrate CRM into all training and will tailor their CRM to the specific types of MRAP vehicles to be used. All CRM involving MRAPs will adhere to the guidance in the references of this policy. Additional Safety of Use Messages (SOUM) for safety considerations unique to a specific vehicle type can be found at <https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/>

b. On-post Use: Fort Polk experiences varying levels of civilian traffic in both the cantonment and training areas. Caution must be taken when operating MRAPs around civilian traffic. Some attachments, such as the SPARK Roller, can change vehicle handling characteristics and increase the risks associated with negotiating turns and safely operating around civilian traffic. Vehicles with attachments must be escorted and convoy commanders will plan routes that limit exposure to civilian traffic and will ensure all vehicles in their convoy are capable of negotiating the route safely. All MRAP vehicles will be manned with a minimum of a driver and vehicle commander and must have operable internal communications. All tenant units must adhere to the vehicle commander requirements in Command Policy Memorandum SA-01 – Vehicle Commander Requirements.

c. Off-post Use: The requirement for units to use MRAP vehicles during the execution of tactical operations in the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge training areas is critical to ensuring the complexity of the JRTC rotation's force-on-force and live-fire training. The route connecting Fort Polk to Peason Ridge is known as "Tank Trail Road" or "The Yellow Brick Road" and is the only authorized off-post route for MRAP vehicles (see enclosure for map). All convoys utilizing this route containing MRAP vehicles must be escorted by JRTC Observer/Coach/Trainers (OCT). Additionally, all convoys must have Local Law Enforcement (LLE) posted at the intersections of Highways 28, 8, and 117. Contact G3 Operations at 531-9774 or 531-1737 with instruction or questions concerning request procedures.

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5. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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