



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY CENTER
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-5000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Policy Memorandum 190-5-3

IMSE-BEN-ES (190)

29 JUN 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Prohibited Use of Cellular Phones and Other Listening Devices While Operating Motor Vehicles

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 22 May 2006
- b. Memorandum, HQ TRADOC, ATJA, 18 May 2006, subject: Safety—Extending Cell Phone Prohibited Use Policy to Soldiers Operating Privately Owned Conveyances (POVs) Off Post

2. PURPOSE: To establish policy prohibiting the use of cellular phones and other listening devices by vehicle operators driving on and off Fort Benning.

3. POLICY:

a. All vehicle operators driving on Fort Benning; active duty military personnel and reserve component on active federal service driving on or off Fort Benning; and all vehicle operators driving government owned or leased vehicles on or off Fort Benning; are prohibited from using cellular phones while driving unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device. The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices (except for hands-free cellular phones and hearing protection devices required to operate specific equipment) by all vehicle operators, as identified above, is also prohibited.

b. A hands-free cellular phone device is a mobile cellular phone device that has an internal feature or function, or that is equipped with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of such mobile cellular phone device, by which the user may use the mobile cellular phone device without the use of either hand, whether or not either hand is initially necessary to activate, deactivate, or initiate the hands-free function of such mobile cellular phone device. Other than the headset for hands-free cellular phone device use, this definition specifically does not include headphones, earphones, or other listening devices.

c. This policy does not preclude a passenger in a motor vehicle from using a cell phone or portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices.

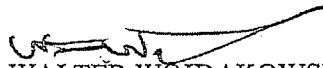
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d. This policy is punitive in nature. Vehicle operators who violate this policy while driving on the installation will be subject to citations for a violation of the United States Code of Federal Regulations which carries with it the possibility of a fine and 30 days in jail. Additionally, military personnel and civilian and NAF employees who violate this policy while driving off the installation will be subject to other administrative sanctions, including loss of installation driving privileges. Family members, unaffiliated civilians, and visitors who violate this policy are subject to administrative sanctions, to include loss of installation driving privileges, and removal from, and/or denial of re-entry onto Fort Benning. Military Police have prime responsibility for enforcing this policy. The Provost Marshal will notify any violator in writing of the suspension of installation driving privileges. There will be a 30-day grace period after the effective date of this policy, during which no infractions will be counted against violators of this policy. The Public Affairs Office will use this grace period to inform the public through various media outlets of this policy. In accordance with USAIC Supplement to AR 27-10, Military Justice, 1 April 2004, all traffic offenses will be disposed of in the U.S. Magistrate Court.

e. This policy shall be effective beginning 01 July 2006.

4. PROPONENT: Installation Provost Marshal, (706) 545-5222.


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