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MEMORANDUM FOR Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety – TAG POLICY MEMORANDUM 27

1. This memorandum establishes policy for motorcycle safety and operations for the Wisconsin National Guard in accordance with the standards set forth in AR 385-10 and AFI 91-207.
2. This policy applies to all Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers and Airmen while operating a motorcycle. This policy also applies to traditional M-day Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers and Airmen while in a military status and civilian employees whenever they operate or ride a motorcycle while on government business or while on government property.
3. Personnel will wear the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when operating or riding a motorcycle or moped:
 - a. A helmet certified to meet DOT safety standard No. 218, as defined in DODI 6055.04, April 2009, Change 2, and shall be worn and properly fastened under the chin.
 - b. Impact and shatter resistant goggles, wraparound glasses or full face shield properly attached to the helmet must meet or exceed ANSI Safety Code Z87.1, for impact and shatter resistance. A windshield or fairing alone is not proper eye protection.
 - c. Sturdy footwear, leather boots or over the ankle shoes.
 - d. A long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material.
 - e. Riders are encouraged to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.
 - f. During off-road operations, operators and riders must use additional PPE, such as knee and shin guards and padded full fingered gloves.
4. All personnel as outlined in paragraph 2 above must maintain a valid driver's license, with motorcycle endorsement, issued by their state of residence. In addition, they must have successfully completed a motorcycle safety class sponsored by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or a MSF based approved motorcycle rider safety course. Based on the type

MC(s) owned and operated, personnel complete either ERC/BRC–II or MSRC/ARC within 12 months of completing the BRC. Based on the type of MC owned or operated, personnel are required to complete MC sustainment training within 5 years of completing an ERC/BRC–II or MSRC/ARC which consists of, at a minimum, retaking an ERC/BRC–II or MSRC/ARC. Personnel can meet the sustainment training requirement, at no expense to the Government, by taking an approved advanced level MC course.

5. Leaders and supervisors must reinforce that our Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employees are our most valuable resources. As such, compliance with AR 385-10, AFI 91-207 and this policy are mandatory. If a Soldier or Airmen is not in compliance with the AR 385-10, AFI 91-207, or this policy and injuries occur, such injuries may not be found in the line of duty due to a service member's negligence. Civilian employees and military technicians in violation of this policy who are injured may have workers compensation claims either denied or limited.

6. POC for this policy is COL Stephen Watkins, Deputy Chief of Staff - Aviation and Safety, 608-242-3140, or stephen.e.watkins.mil@mail.mil.



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