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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
FORT JACKSON, SC 29207

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 5-2 – Bicycle Safety

1. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI 605.4), dated 20 July 1999, DoD Traffic Safety Program, directs all military departments to establish and maintain a comprehensive and effective traffic safety program. A major component of the program is bicycle safety, with emphasis on the mandatory wearing of approved helmets, reflective materials and observance of state laws and installation policies by all personnel who ride bicycles on DoD installations.
2. Fort Jackson concurs with the spirit and intent of the DoD directive to reduce the incidents of serious injuries to all bicycle riders (youth and adult) and to promulgate a safer environment for all personnel on Fort Jackson.
3. The following safety equipment is **mandatory** for all military personnel, dependents, and civilian personnel who ride bicycles on Fort Jackson:
 - a. Bicycle helmets approved by either the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation are required. Studies show that using approved head protection can reduce head injuries by up to 85 percent.
 - b. High visibility is paramount in making riders conspicuous to motor vehicle operators. Riders will use high visibility items or some type of reflective material such as tape, wristbands, vests, belts, or other reflective bicycling accessories that increase rider visibility.
 - c. When in use at night or under adverse/diminished lighting conditions, bicycles will be equipped with a lamp on the front which emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear that is visible from all distances from fifty to two hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
4. The below requirements are an addition to established bicycle-rider guidance:
 - a. Riders must obey traffic laws that apply to motor vehicle operators. This includes Fort Jackson Road Rules:

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(1) Cycling on only approved routes.

(2) Group riders will ride with no more than two riders abreast with all others in a “Trail Formation” (one behind the other) and as far to the right side of the road as practicable.

b. Exercise proper caution when entering a road or crossing an intersection.

c. Use of proper hand and arm signals for slowing, stopping, or turning is mandatory.

d. Young children should not ride at night, and children under 9 should not ride in the road.

e. The use of headphones or earphones while bicycling on Fort Jackson roads or streets is prohibited.

f. Bicycle racing is only allowed in pre-coordinated and established closed courses. Races/Courses should be coordinated through DPTMS/Plans & Operations (751-6194) with coordination approval from LEA, SJA and the Garrison Commander.

5. We are committed to ensuring the entire installation population is provided the safest possible environment to work and play. This Policy Letter supersedes Policy Memorandum 5-2 - Mandatory Use of Bicycle Helmets dated 10 July 2000. The proponent for this Policy Memorandum is DPTMS, 751-7523.

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