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MEMORANDUM FOR Soldiers, Airmen, and Employees of the Arkansas National Guard

SUBJECT: The Adjutant General's Policy 2021-23, Use of Cellular Phones in Vehicles

1. References:

- a. 32 CFR 634.25, Installation Traffic Codes dated 1 July 2012.
- b. 40 USC 1315, Law Enforcement Authority of Secretary of Homeland Security for Protection of Public Property dated 3 January 2012.
- c. DODI 6055.04, Department of Defense (DoD) Traffic Safety Program dated 20 April 2009, Incorporating Change 4, 31 August 2018.
- d. Arkansas State Act 738, dated 24 July 2019
- e. NGAR 2015-01, Operating and Parking Vehicles on State Military Reservations, dated 15 October 2015

2. Policy:

- a. This policy supersedes The Adjutant General's Policy 2013-15, Use of Cellular Phones in Vehicles, dated 5 April 2013.
- b. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, driver inattention is a leading cause of traffic related crashes, responsible for about 80% of all collisions. Considering crashes are the number one cause of accidental death in the United States, it is important to pay close attention to our driving habits and those of other drivers. According to the National Institute of Health, cell phones have caused over 2,600 deaths and 600,000 injuries each year at a cost of 43 billion dollars. In an attempt to lessen driver distractions, the following policy is implemented effective immediately.

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c. Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) operators on any Arkansas National Guard installation and operators of State or Federal Military Vehicles (MILVEH), on or off Arkansas National Guard installations, shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or a hands-free device is being utilized. Use of cell phones while driving is a criminal act. Other driver distractions such as eating, drinking, operating radios, and operating global positioning equipment are strongly discouraged.

d. This policy is in effect on all DoD installations and Arkansas National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, or Civilians can be issued citations for these violations.

3. Point Of Contact: Questions concerning this policy will be directed to the Arkansas National Guard Safety Manager at (501) 212-5092.



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