

Safety  
**PREVENTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS**

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AR 385-55, 12 March 1987 is further supplemented as follows.

Page 3, paragraph 2-3, Driver training. Add subparagraph d.

d. A 4-hour Defensive Driving Course (DDC-II) for automobile operators will be presented by the installation DDC staff. As a minimum, all military personnel corporal/specialist and below will attend. Additionally, Fort Hood civilian employees, 21 years of age and younger, whose duties involve the operation of Army motor vehicles (AMV), will attend. Major subordinate commands (MSCs) may require attendance of sergeant and above. Proof of successful completion of a DDC, (Certificate of Completion, or documentation on DA Form 348) is required for licensing personnel to operate AMVs. The installation DDC staff will replace Certificates of Completion upon satisfactory proof of completion by the requester.

Page 5, paragraph 2-15b, Convoy operations. Add to last sentence "and Fort Hood (FH) Regulation 55-1."

Page 6, paragraph 2-16a, Use of safety equipment. Add to last sentence:

DOD motor vehicles include commercial, tactical wheeled and tracked vehicles, forklifts, and construction equipment. See paragraph 2-18b for exception to safety belt wearing requirement.

Page 7, paragraph 2-18, Safe tactical vehicle operation. Add subparagraphs d through g.

d. Tracked vehicle commanders must exercise caution when tracked vehicles cross any paved roads open to the public. When tracked vehicles use bridges, road guards will be stationed at both ends of the bridge. Road guards should be equipped with reflective vests/armbands and carry a working flashlight during the hours of darkness to halt approaching traffic.

e. Soldiers will not drive vehicles outside training areas while wearing protective masks.

f. Drivers of radio-equipped vehicles must take every precaution to prevent radio antenna contact with overhead electrical power lines. Antennas will be tied down in the cantonment area.

g. Commanders should restrict the number soldiers riding in a vehicle cab or driver compartment when field gear and other equipment is being worn. Use TB 9-639 for guidance on troop carrying capacities of vehicles.

Page 7, paragraph 3-1b, General. Add as last sentence:

Accident investigations conducted by commanders could lead to an in line of duty "No" determination.

Page 8, paragraph 3-2f, Requirements for POV accident prevention. Add subparagraph (3).

(3) All soldiers, military family members, DOD civilian employees, and contractor employees who operate a motorcycle on Fort Hood must successfully complete the Fort Hood motorcycle safety course, including a hands-on evaluation. Persons who have completed an approved Army motorcycle safety course within the last 5 years at another installation do not have to complete the Fort Hood course (proof of successful completion must be provided). All persons subject to this requirement who are newly assigned to Fort Hood or who have recently acquired a motorcycle will be given a 7-calendar day grace period to comply (see FH Reg 190-5).

Page 9, Section I, Required publications. Add

- FH Reg 55-1 Motor Transport Movements. (Cited in para 2-15b.)
- FH Reg 190-5 Fort Hood Traffic Code. (Cited in para 3-2f(3).)
- TB 9-639 Passenger-Carrying Capacity of Tactical and Administrative Vehicles Commonly Used to Transport Personnel. (Cited in para 2-18g.)

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