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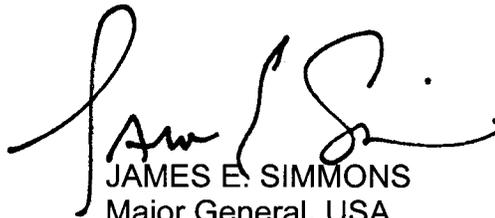
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Head Protection in Tactical Vehicles

1. Reference Change 4, 3 Aug 04, to FORSCOM Regulation 385-1, Forces Command Safety Program, 31 Mar 98.
2. As a minimum, head protection (Kevlar helmet, Combat Vehicle Crewman (CVC) helmet, as appropriate) will be worn by all Soldiers in tactical vehicles when operating in installation training areas that are outside of the cantonments. These areas specifically are north of the cattle guard for the main post, south of the cattle guard for North Fort Hood, and all of the West Fort Hood training areas. All tracked combat vehicle drivers and tank commanders (including DA civilians and contractors) will wear operable CVCs at all times while vehicle is in motion.
3. Company, battery, troop, or detachment commanders have the authority to prescribe the headgear required in Army tactical vehicles not covered in paragraph 2, above. Leaders can adjust to a higher level of protection if the risk assessment warrants.
4. Based on special scenarios and mission needs (i.e., off-post missions), commanders and leaders should apply appropriate risk assessments and controls for all military vehicle operations. This ensures the safety of our human resources.
5. EXPIRATION: This Fort Hood Memorandum supersedes Fort Hood memorandum, subject: Head Protection in Tactical Vehicles, 20 May 2004, and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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