



# Military Police Doctrine 2015

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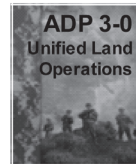
**D**octrine 2015 represents the Army's approach to establishing a foundation for training, educating, and equipping Soldiers through a common professional language. The language of our profession allows the Army to develop Soldiers and defend our Nation. Following a decade of war, the Army now has the unique opportunity to reflect on the past and look toward the future. Doctrine 2015 will significantly change how the Army arranges and develops doctrine to support training, education, and operations. Once complete, Doctrine 2015 will provide the Army with well-defined enduring principles, tactics, and standard procedures. Additionally, through the creative use of technology, the Army will be able to rapidly update techniques due to the changing conditions of the operational environment and the needs of operationally deployed forces.

The transition to Doctrine 2015 requires that all doctrine publications be reviewed and separated into the following categories:

- Army doctrine publications (ADPs).** Fifteen ADPs will contain the fundamental, enduring principles that guide the actions of Army forces and will explain how those principles support national objectives. In very concise language, ADPs will provide the intellectual underpinnings of Army operational doctrine. They will be Department of the Army (DA) publications printed in a small (6- by 9-inch) format and limited to fewer than 15 pages. They will also be available electronically through the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Web site at <http://www.us.army.mil>.

## **ADPs** (15)

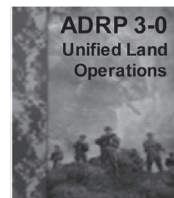
*Fundamental principles*



## **ADRsPs**

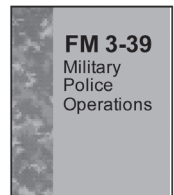
(14; 1 per ADP, except ADP 1)

*Detailed information on fundamentals*



## **FMs** (50)

*Tactics and procedures*

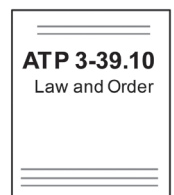


## **ATPs**


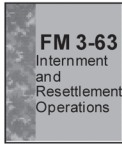
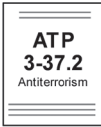
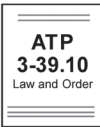
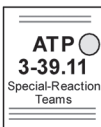
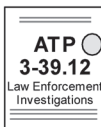

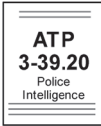
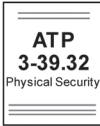
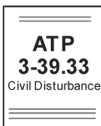





*Techniques*

*Authenticated version on RDL and APD*

*Input through milWiki*



**Doctrine 2015 template**

<u>FMs</u>	2			<b>Military Police Operations:</b> Will remain the primary doctrine for tactics and procedures and will incorporate changes in applicable ADPs and ADRPs.		
Tactics and procedures <b>Suspense: December 2013</b> (FMs complete)				<b>Internment and Resettlement Operations:</b> Will remain an FM due to the strategic importance of detainee operations. The numbering will be changed to align with JP 3-63.		
<u>ATPs</u>	9					
Military police techniques <b>Suspense: December 2015</b> (all transitioned to ATP with draft on milWiki)						
						
<u>TMs</u>	2			 = Currently under revision/conversion		
Military police technical information						

### Military Police Doctrine 2015

- **Army doctrine reference publications (ADRP)s.** Fourteen ADPAs will elaborate on the principles described in corresponding ADPs. They will not discuss specific tactics, techniques, or procedures. For every ADP except ADP 1, there will be a corresponding ADRP of the same title. ADPAs will be printed in the traditional, 8½- by 11-inch format and in electronic format for the Web (AKO) and digital devices. In the traditional format, ADPAs will be no more than 100 pages long.
- **Field manuals (FMs).** Fifty FMs will describe doctrinal tactics and procedures (but not techniques) used by the Army to train for and conduct operations consistent with the principles described in ADPs and ADPAs. Information will be presented using a streamlined approach that focuses on functions and does not repeat information presented in ADPAs. FMs will be printed in the traditional, 8½- by 11-inch format and in electronic format for the Web (AKO) and digital devices. In the traditional format, FMs will be limited to no more than 200 pages. Appendixes will describe procedures, or prescriptive methods of performing tasks. Some existing FMs with content that is no longer considered doctrinal will be republished as technical manuals or training circulars. There will be two Military Police Corps Regiment FMs:
  - FM 3-39, *Military Police Operations*.
  - FM 3-63, *Internment and Resettlement Operations*.
- **Army techniques publications (ATPs).** An undetermined number of ATPs will discuss doctrinal techniques, or non-descriptive methods of performing tasks, missions, or

functions. ATPs will be DA publications printed in the traditional 8½- by 11-inch format and in electronic format for the Web (AKO) and digital devices. There will be no length restriction for ATPs, but they will be concisely written and will not repeat information contained in other manuals. Organizations preparing ATPs will ensure that the content aligns with and integrates the doctrine contained in ADPs, ADPAs, and FMs and that repetition is avoided. There will be nine Military Police Corps Regiment ATPs:

- ATP 3-37.2, *Antiterrorism*.
- ATP 3-39.10, *Law and Order*.
- ATP 3-39.11, *Special-Reaction Teams*.
- ATP 3-39.12, *Law Enforcement Investigations*.
- ATP 3-39.20, *Police Intelligence*.
- ATP 3-39.32, *Physical Security*.
- ATP 3-39.33, *Civil Disturbance*.
- ATP 3-39.34, *Military Working Dogs*.
- ATP 3-39.35, *Protective Services*.

For most ATPs (other than those that are classified), there will be a corresponding draft version posted on a collaborative milWiki Web site at <[https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Portal:Army\\_Doctrine](https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Portal:Army_Doctrine)>. The milWiki draft will allow for direct and ongoing input from the field and will accelerate the transfer of lessons learned into doctrine. The organization responsible for the ATP will monitor contributions to the milWiki site, obtain input, determine which input should be

OLD SERIES	CURRENT SERIES (2012)	2015	TITLE
	FM 3-39 (Feb 10) Publishing revision (2d quarter, FY 12)	FM 3-39	<i>Military Police Operations</i>
	FM 3-39.40 (Feb 10)	FM 3-63	<i>Internment and Resettlement Operations</i>
	FM 3-37.2 (Feb 11)	ATP 3-37.2	<i>Antiterrorism</i>
	ATTP 3-39.10 (Jun 11)	ATP 3-39.10	<i>Law and Order</i>
FM 3-19.11	Publishing revision (2d quarter, FY 13)	ATP 3-39.11	<i>Special-Reaction Teams</i>
FM 3-19.12	Publishing revision (4th quarter, FY 13)	ATP 3-39.12	<i>Law Enforcement Investigations</i>
	ATTP 3-39.20 (Jul 10)	ATP 3-39.20	<i>Police Intelligence</i>
	ATTP 3-39.32 (Aug 10)	ATP 3-39.32	<i>Physical Security</i>
	FM 3.19.15 (Apr 05)	ATP 3-39.33	<i>Civil Disturbance</i>
	ATTP 3-39.34 (May 11)	ATP 3-39.34	<i>Military Working Dogs</i>
FM 3-19.12	Publishing revision (2d quarter, FY 13)	ATP 3-39.35	<i>Protective Services</i>
	TM 3-39.30 (Feb 12)	TM 3-39.30	<i>Military Police Leaders' Handbook</i>
	TM 3-39.31 (Aug 10)	TM 3-39.31	<i>Armored Security Vehicle</i>
	FM 19-25 (Sep 77)	Rescinded <sup>1</sup>	<i>Traffic Operations</i>

<sup>1</sup>Traffic management has been incorporated into ATTP 3-39.10, and traffic accident investigations will be integrated into ATP 3-39.12.

### Current status of Military Police Doctrine 2015

adopted into doctrine, and rapidly prepare revisions to the authenticated publication. All comments on Military Police Corps Regiment ATPs will be reviewed, vetted, and approved by the commandant of the U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS) and other senior leaders before being accepted as changes to doctrine. Only approved or authenticated publications that are posted on the General Dennis J. Reimer Training and Doctrine Digital Library (RDL) at <https://rdl.train.army.mil/soldierPortal/soldier.portal> and the Army Publishing Directorate (ADP) at <http://www.apd.army.mil/default.asp> should be cited as references.

■ **Technical manuals (TMs).** These are general-subject manuals—two of which will be Military Police Corps Regiment TMs:

- TM 3-39.30, *Military Police Leaders' Handbook*.
- TM 3-39.31, *Armored Security Vehicle*.

These TMs, which will be approved by the USAMPS Commandant, will focus on the tactical employment of military police at the company level and the employment of the armored security vehicle in support of military police operations.

Under Doctrine 2015, military police doctrine will be reorganized into 13 doctrinal manuals (two FMs, nine ATPs, and two TMs). Throughout the past 2 years, nine military

police doctrinal publications have been updated; four more are currently undergoing revision. But all doctrinal publications must be revised to include changes to Army terminology and to align with the new naming and numbering conversion within the next 3 years. The Military Police Doctrine Team needs increased participation to meet this requirement. Military police leaders must ensure that our Soldiers are operating with the most current and relevant information.

All doctrine-related questions should be addressed to [leon.mdottddmpdoc@conus.army.mil](mailto:leon.mdottddmpdoc@conus.army.mil).

(**Note:** The best place to locate all current military police publications is the Maneuver Support Knowledge Network [MSKN]. To access the network, log on to AKO and type <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/portal.do?%24p=500639> in the address bar.)



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