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## **Army Urges Vehicle Registration**

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** — Army officials are urging all drivers who live on, work on, or frequently use Army installations to register their vehicles at an Army Vehicle Registration Office and to display an official military decal on their vehicles, by May 1, as part of an initiative to enhance installation security.

Beginning May 1, drivers who do not have a current military decal (DD Form 2220) or Army pass will be routed to the closest Visitor Control Center (VCC) for a temporary access pass. VCCs are located at Schofield Barracks' Lyman gate, Fort Shafter's Buckner gate, and Tripler Army Medical Center's main gate, and can provide passes ranging in length from one-day to one-week, based on need.

"We understand that not everyone will have the opportunity to register for decals prior to May 1, so we will initially have temporary seven-day passes available," said Gordon L. Wiborg Jr., Security Division chief, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Directorate of Emergency Services. "Our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible, giving folks a little extra time and the opportunity to get their decals at their earliest convenience."

The registration requirement will help ensure the safety and security of Soldiers, families and civilians who work or live on USAG-HI installations, as well as standardizing Army Hawaii vehicle registration policies, and ultimately improving traffic flow through security checkpoints.

Anyone who accesses Army installations for recurring activities, such as doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, or the like, should seriously consider registering their vehicles, according to Wiborg.

"(Registration) is really a quick and easy, one-time process that takes only about five minutes," he said. "The big benefit is time savings. Taking those few minutes to register and get a decal means not having to take more time later getting a temporary pass each time you want to come on post."

## **VEHICLE REGISTRATION 2-2-2**

Motorists and commercial businesses may register their vehicles at the following Vehicle Registration Offices (VRO):

Schofield Barrack's VRO (located in the Soldier Support Center) Building 750, Ayers Road Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fort Shafter Flats VRO, Building 1599 Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – noon, and 1-3 p.m.

To register and receive a decal, drivers need to bring their current driver's license, vehicle registration, safety inspection and proof of insurance to the VRO of their choice. Motorcyclists must also show completion of a valid DoD-approved safety course.

Vendors and contractors with commercial vehicles who do business on Army installations on a regular basis can receive extended passes for individual and fleet vehicles, for periods up to six months, by registering their vehicles at the VROs. Vehicle fleet managers should call ahead to the VRO to coordinate a convenient time and minimize wait.

Motorists and vendors with additional questions should contact the Schofield Barracks Provost Marshal's Office at 808-655-9496, the Fort Shafter Provost Marshal's Office at 808-438-2230, or USAG-HI's Directorate of Emergency Services at 808-656-5398.

For the latest news and information concerning vehicle registration, installation access and road closures, visit USAG-HI's Web site at: http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/traffic/traffic.asp.