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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Bavaria Military Community Policy Letter #25; Driving While Distracted

1. **Effective Date.** This policy letter remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.
2. **Scope and Punitive Effect.** The scope of this policy applies to all Soldiers, civilians, Family Members, government employees, contractors, organizations and units assigned or TDY to USAG Grafenwoehr installations and residing in the USAG Grafenwoehr Area of Responsibility (AOR). Violators of this policy and leaders who fail to take the appropriate action may be subject to administrative actions or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).
3. **References.**
  - a. Executive Order, 01 Oct 09, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving.
  - b. AER 190-1, 13 Aug 10, Driver and Vehicle Requirements and the Installation Traffic Code for the U.S. Forces in Germany.
4. **Policy.** Driving while distracted is a serious safety issue for the community. Driving is an activity that requires full attention to the road and surrounding areas. The following are a list of distractive hazards that are punishable and may result in administrative, civilian misconduct, or UCMJ actions, and may result in the loss of driving privileges:
  - a. Cell Phones: The use of hand-held cell phones when driving a vehicle or riding a bicycle is prohibited. "Hands-free" speaking systems that can be used without the driver having to take his or her hands off the steering wheel and that do not force the driver to take his or her eyes off the road may be used. Hand-held telephones may be used only when the vehicle is stationary and the motor is turned off.
  - b. Excessive Noise: Vehicle operators and occupants will not play their sound systems so loudly that they can be heard more than 10 feet from the vehicle with the windows up. Vehicle operators will not make noise with their motor, exhaust, or tires that is louder than normal use (for example, racing motors, using exhaust systems that are not issued by the vehicle manufacturer, squealing tires).
  - c. Texting: Vehicle operators will not text while they are driving. Recent deadly crashes involving drivers distracted by text messaging while behind the wheel highlight a growing

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danger on our roads. Text messaging causes drivers to take their eyes off the road and at least one hand off the steering wheel endangering both themselves and others.

5. **Point of Contact.** The point of contact for this memorandum is the USAG Grafenwoehr Safety Office at 475-7734.

  
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