

Information Paper

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SUBJECT: Army Traffic Safety Training Program (ATSTP)

1. Purpose: To provide the Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, Kentucky information on status of the ATSTP contract.

2. Facts:

a. On 17 Dec 10, received notification from IMCOM-SE Functional Safety Representative, that a revised bridge contract will be implemented effective 19 December 2010, to provide the Local Hazards Course (LHC), Intermediate Driver Training Course (IDC), Motorcycle Basic Rider Course (BRC), the Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC), Motorcycle Experienced Rider Course (ERC) and the Motorcycle Refresher Training Course (MRT) to military personnel only.

b. In addition, IMCOM-SE Functional Safety Representative, via several emails, indicated that the bridge contract no longer provided support for simulators, participation of military dependents, , remedial driver training, and surge reaction capability due to the lack of DoD and/or Army regulatory requirements. However, under the ATSTP bridge contract, training for DOD civilians who operate government owned vehicles was retained.

c. **OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WHICH WILL AFFECT CURRENT OPERATING PROCEDURES:** The revised ATSTP bridge contract includes "restrictive language" with regard to the minimum number of students (6) to hold a motorcycle course and the minimum number of students (30) for both the LHC and IDC.

(1) **MOTORCYCLE REFRESHER TRAINING (MRT).** The MRT is designed to provide redeploying soldiers with refresher training for operating/riding a motorcycle after an extended absence.

(a) The contractor will provide a 2-hour motorcycle refresher training for service members who have been deployed more than 180 days. Training will be provided within 10 working days of the Garrison Safety Manager or COR certifying the class roster.

(b) Students **will provide their own motorcycles**, meet the requirements to ride on post, and possess a motorcycle training course completion card (BRC, MSRC or ERC). Having soldiers use their own motorcycles **implies** that soldiers will have to transport and/or ride their motorcycles to attend this training. **BLUF:** Soldiers will ride their motorcycles **prior** to being afforded the opportunity to complete refresher training, thus

increasing the risk of injury and/or death to our soldiers as a result of not having ridden their motorcycles for 180 days or more.

(2) **MOTORCYCLE SIMULATOR.** The Motorcycle simulator acts as a practice tool for our soldiers to gain primary focus. The Motorcycle simulator is for the novice motorcyclist, particularly students who have not previously owned nor operated any type of two-wheeled single track vehicle.

(a) Students attending a riding course who demonstrate difficulty in developing gross motor-skills necessary to safely operate a motorcycle can be identified and referred to this training for further practice in a less stressful environment. The simulator has proven to assist students pass the Basic Riders Course and ride their motorcycles on and off the Fort Campbell installation.

(b) The removal of the motorcycle simulator will place a greater risk on beginner riders. Before a novice rider mounts a motorcycle, they experience many emotions, of which, anxiety and apprehension are at the forefront. Their inability to cope with these emotions can endanger the rider, their classmates and instructors.

3. IAW FRAGO 1 TO IMCOM-SE OPORD 10-011, Motorcycle Training and Registration: Garrisons will ensure that all Soldiers complete either ERC or the MSRC within 12 months of the completion of the BRC.

4. Conclusions: Way Ahead:

a. Determine if the Senior Commander is willing to accept the risk of soldier injury/death as a result of the revised ATSTP bridge contract eliminating the use of Program provided motorcycles (250cc – 500cc) for the MRT.

b. Determine if the Senior Commander is willing to fund the purchase of Motorcycles (250cc-500cc) IOT meet the original intent of the MRT.

c. If the next 90 day option for the revised ATSTP bridge contract doesn't allow the use and provide for the maintenance of the motorcycle simulator; will the Senior Commander provide funding, which would included hiring an instructor, for the motorcycle simulator.

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