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U.S. ARMY GARRISON WEST POINT POLICY # 52

SUBJECT: Garrison Risk Decision Authority Policy

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program, dated 27 November 2013.
- b. Department of the Army Pamphlet 385-30, Mishap Risk Management, dated 1 February 2010.
- 2. PURPOSE. To establish the risk management decision authority policy for the U.S. Army Garrison West Point.
- 3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Garrison missions and activities performed by, or affecting, Garrison Soldiers, Civilian Employees, volunteers, customers and visitors.

4. POLICY.

- a. The Army utilizes risk management as the tool to mitigate the risk associated with any hazard that has the potential to harm people, damage or destroy equipment or facilities, or otherwise adversely impact the mission of the Garrison. Unnecessary accidents and injuries are a drain on valuable resources, including productivity, operating funds, morale and most importantly, the health, safety and quality of life of the Garrison community on West Point.
- b. It is the policy of the Garrison to integrate risk management into the planning and decision-making processes for all mission activities. To ensure that the decision maker considers total collective risk, all environmental, safety, occupational health and other hazards are incorporated on a single risk assessment in order to properly assess the entirety of the risk to the mission or activity.
- c. Decision-making authority for risk assessments of Garrison missions/activities of a duration of one month or less is as follows:
 - (1) Extremely High Risk: Superintendent, United States Military Academy.

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- (2) High Risk: Garrison Commander in the grade of Colonel or Civilian employee in the grade of GS-15.
- (3) Moderate Risk: Lieutenant Colonel or Civilian employee in the grade of GS-13 or GS-14.
 - (4) Low Risk: Captain or Civilian employee in the grade of GS-10 or GS-11.
- d. The decision-making authority for risk assessments effective for a period greater than one month is explained in Table 4-2, Risk Acceptance Authority in Reference 1b.

5. PROCEDURES.

- a. The Garrison Safety Office will offer assistance and can review risk assessments for missions assessed with a residual risk of Low as requested by the proponent.
- b. Directors will forward any risk assessment with a residual risk of Moderate, High, or Extremely High to the Garrison Safety Office for a mandatory review no less than 72 hours prior to the planned mission/activity. The Safety Office will advise the director on possible methods to further reduce the residual risk.
- c. During an incident (mass casualty) or other emergent situation (e.g. power outage) directors can obtain immediate assistance with risk assessments assessed as a residual risk of Moderate, High, or Extremely High by contacting the Garrison Safety Office during normal duty hours, at (845)938-6129, or by contacting a Safety Officer through the West Point Fire Department Dispatcher after duty hours at (845)938-3151.
- d. Directors will forward risk assessments for review to the Garrison Safety Office as required by published operations orders.
- 6. POINT OF CONTACT. The point of contact for this policy is the Garrison Safety Manager at (845)938-6129.

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