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Military Police or a traffic control device.

§ 636.31 Abandoned vehicles.

(a) Any MP or DOD police officer who finds or has knowledge of a motor vehicle which has been left unattended or abandoned on a street, road, highway, parking lot, or any other real property of the installation for a period of at least 72 hours may be authorized by the Provost Marshal or his designee to cause said motor vehicle to be moved to an impoundment lot for storage.

(b) Any MP or DOD police officer who, under the provisions of this section, causes any motor vehicle to be moved to an impoundment lot or other temporary place of safety is acting with proper authority and within the scope of that officer's employment, except that any wanton or intentional damage done to any motor vehicle by any MP or DOD police officer should not be within the scope of either that officer's authority or employment.

(c) Unit commanders, with knowledge of an abandoned vehicle in their unit area, should attempt to identify the owner and have them remove the vehicle. When owners cannot be identified or are no longer assigned to this command, unit commanders will notify the MP's to initiate impoundment procedures.

(d) Civilian vehicles left abandoned on the reservation will be towed to an impoundment lot for further disposition.

(e) Personnel experiencing motor vehicle trouble may authorize the MP desk to obtain the assistance of a civilian wrecker, but in doing so, the government assumes no liability of payment for such services or possible resulting damage.

§ 636.32 Miscellaneous instructions.

(a) All unattended motor vehicles will have the engine stopped and the ignition locked.

(b) Vehicles will not be operated when so loaded with passengers and/or goods that the driver's view is blocked or control over the driving mechanism is interfered with.

(c) Drivers, other than on official business, will not follow any emergency vehicle, operating under emer-

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gency conditions, closer than 500 feet or park closer than 500 feet to any emergency vehicle stopped for an emergency.

(d) No vehicle will be driven over a fire hose unless directed to do so by a fire official, or the Military Police.

(e) Ground guides will be posted, during backing, at the left rear of any $\frac{3}{4}$ ton or larger vehicle.

(f) All vehicles carrying a load will have the load secured and/or covered to prevent the load from blowing or bouncing off the vehicle.

(g) A red flag or red light, visible for at least 100 feet from the rear will be attached to any load protruding beyond the rear of any vehicle.

(h) Troop marches, physical training runs, etc., will not be conducted in a manner that will interfere with motor vehicle traffic on the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield reservation.

(1) Units participating in parades and related practices, road marches, etc., will not conduct such marches upon any hard surface road or traffic way unless coordination has been made with the Provost Marshal Office.

(2) Physical training runs, exercises, or tests will not be conducted upon any hard surface road or traffic way unless such is specifically allowed in 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart Regulation 350-1.

(i) Congested housing areas on the installation require special precaution on the part of drivers and persons living in those areas.

(1) Parents can assist drivers in this regard by reminding their children that housing area streets are extremely dangerous and that playing in the street is prohibited.

(2) Bus stops are sites particularly prone to large numbers of children playing immediately adjacent to or actually in the roadway while awaiting arrival of the school bus.

(3) Complaints received by the MP desk, concerning children playing in the streets, must be investigated in the interest of safety. Repeated violations could result in further action by the chain of command.

(j) Vehicles and/or trailers will not be towed with a chain or rope (vehicles may be towed by another privately