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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

owned vehicle by use of a rigid tow bar).

(k) At entrances to Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield where a gate guard is positioned, drivers are required to obey his/her instructions. During hours of darkness, headlights will be switched to parking lights upon approach to the gate.

(l) Motorists will drive with headlights illuminated at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise and at any time when it is raining in the driving zone and at any other time when there is not sufficient visibility to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

(m) Motor vehicles will not be operated if visibility to the front, rear, or side is rendered unsafe and improper from fogged or iced-over windows.

(n) Aircraft runways, taxiways, and aprons at Hunter Army Airfield and Wright Army Airfield and "OFF-LIMITS" to all privately owned vehicles.

(o) Extensive repairs to automobiles will not be undertaken in housing areas, parking lots, or other similar areas. Repairs extending over a 24 hour period will be considered extensive.

(p) Tactical vehicles will not be driven in housing areas. Post police or vehicles on similar details may drive in the housing areas as required.

(q) Active duty personnel residing on post are encouraged to have their privately owned bicycles, "go-carts," and "minibikes" registered with the Provost Marshal's Office (Registration Branch) in conjunction with the Installation Crime Prevention Program.

(r) All personnel operating a vehicle on Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield will have proof of insurance for the vehicle, in the vehicle at all times.

§ 636.33 Vehicle safety inspection criteria.

(a) The vehicle safety inspection criteria listed in this paragraph (a) are general in nature; specific evaluation techniques for these criteria are contained in Georgia Traffic Law.

(1) Headlights—every vehicle, except motorcycles, will have at least two headlights, one on each side of the front of the vehicle, capable of illu-

minating 500 feet to the front. Motorcycles will have one headlight.

(2) Tail Lamps—every vehicle will have at least one red, self-illuminating lamp, on the rear of the vehicle, visible from 500 feet to the rear.

(3) Registration Plate Lamp—every vehicle will have a lamp designed to illuminate the registration plate with white light making the plate legible from a distance of 50 feet.

(4) Rear Reflectors—every vehicle, except motorcycles, will have two red reflectors on the rear. Motorcycles will have one red reflector.

(5) Stop Lamp—every vehicle will have at least one red or yellow stop lamp on the rear which will be actuated upon application of the foot brake.

(6) Turn Signals—every vehicle will be equipped with electrical or mechanical turn signals capable of indicating any intention to turn either to the right or to the left, and visible from the front and rear. This requirement does not apply to any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle manufactured prior to 1 January 1972.

(7) Brakes—every vehicle will be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such vehicle.

(8) Horn—every vehicle will be equipped with an operable horn, capable of emitting sound audible for at least 200 feet.

(9) Muffler—every vehicle will have a muffler in good working order and in constant operation.

(10) Mirror—every vehicle, from which the driver's view is obstructed, will be equipped with a mirror reflecting a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear.

(11) Windows—the view through vehicle windows will not be obstructed by any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material. Windshields and rear windows will not have starburst or spider webbing effect greater than 3 inches by 3 inches. No opaque or solid material including, but not limited to cardboard, plastic, or taped glass will be employed in lieu of glass.

(12) Windshield Wipers—every vehicle, except motorcycles, will be equipped with operable windshield wipers.