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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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POLICY MEMORANDUM # 14

10 December 2012

SUBJECT: Supervision of Children

1. **PURPOSE:** This policy imposes the requirements for the supervision and safety of children on Fort Bliss, Texas.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy is applicable to all active duty or retired Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians, contractors, and visitors visiting or residing on Fort Bliss, Texas. This policy is punitive in nature. Violations of this policy may subject offenders to adverse administrative action, non-judicial or judicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or prosecution under applicable Texas Law.
3. **DEFINITIONS:** The following definitions apply to this policy:
  - a. "Parent:" means the mother or father of a child related by blood, marriage or adoption.
  - b. "Guardian:" means any person acting by, through or under the direction of a court with jurisdiction over the child.
  - c. "One similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child:" means any person acting by, through or under the direction of a parent, guardian or is one entrusted with the care, supervision and administration of the child, such as an educator.
  - d. "Child:" means any human being who has not attained the age of 18 years, is not married or emancipated. A "Child" also means any human being who, due to an infirmity, is unable consistently to make reasoned decisions regarding the care of his or her person and property or to communicate those decisions.
  - e. "Physical Presence:" means in the home with the child or within the direct sight and hearing of the child.
  - f. "Supervision:" means a planned, consistent way to provide ongoing care for children. Supervision requires the parent, guardian or one similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child to know where the child is at all times.
  - g. "Adult:" means any human being who is not a child as defined within this policy.

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h. "Unsupervised:" means when a child is not under supervision as defined within this policy.

i. "Emergency Situation:" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action such as if a person's life or safety is threatened.

j. "Public Place:" means any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, driveway, yard, playground, park, plaza, building or other place used by or open to a substantial group of the Fort Bliss community. Includes, but not limited to, the common areas of schools, open fields, medical treatment facilities, post quarters and billeting areas, office buildings, playgrounds, office building parking areas, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) retail facilities, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreational activities.

k. "Remain:" means:

(1) To linger, stop, or stay for any length of time, or to travel or move upon a street.

(2) To fail to leave premises when directed to do so by a Law Enforcement Officer, the authorized facility representative, or other person in control of the premises.

l. "Street:" means but is not limited to, the legal right of way, including traffic lanes, curbs, sidewalks, whether paved or unpaved, parkway and any grass plots or other grounds found within the legal right of way of a street.

m. "Direct Route:" means the shortest path of travel through a public place to reach a final destination without any detour or stop along the way.

4. POLICY: Child supervision is necessary for the safety, protection, care and management of children in our community. Child supervision is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or one similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child. The term "parent" also will encompass "guardian" and "one similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child" for hereinafter:

a. The policy regarding supervision of children is as follows:

(1) Leaving the physical presence of a child, from birth through five years of age, is not authorized at any time or place.

(2) Leaving the physical presence of a child, from six through nine years of age. The child may be permitted to play outside as long as a responsible adult provides direct supervision. Children ages six through nine years of age are not authorized to walk to or from school unless directly supervised by a responsible adult. Working parents are encouraged to enroll their children in appropriate supervised programs; that is, School Age Services, before and after school programs, or Family Child Care homes.

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(3) Leaving the physical presence of a child from 10 through 11 years of age, unsupervised at any time or place for more than two hours. This two hour period may be during the day only.

(4) Children, 12 years of age, may be left unattended during the day and early evenings for periods not to exceed 4 hours. Children this age may also baby-sit younger siblings during the same four hour period. Children performing baby-sitting duties should consider taking the free baby-sitting course offered through the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills Unlimited (SKIESUnlimited) which certifies them in First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

(5) Children, 13 through 15 years of age, may be left unattended during the day and evening hours not to exceed 8 hours. Children this age may baby-sit younger children other than their siblings during this time. Children performing baby-sitting duties should consider taking the free baby-sitting course offered through SKIESUnlimited which certifies them in First Aid and CPR.

(6) Children, 16 years of age and older, may be left unattended, to include overnight. Children this age may also baby-sit younger siblings during the same time.

b. The curfew policy is as follows:

(1) A child, 16 years of age or younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any public place on Fort Bliss between the hours of 2300 and 0600.

(2) A responsible adult may not knowingly allow, or by insufficient control, allow the minor to be in violation of the curfew imposed by this policy.

(3) Exceptions:

(a) Accompanied by a responsible adult.

(b) On an emergency errand, or is involved in an emergency situation.

(c) Engaged in lawful employment, or volunteer work, or is going to, or coming from, such activity using a direct route.

(d) On the sidewalk, or in the yard of the place of residence and the neighbors are not communicating an objection to Law Enforcement.

(e) Attending a school, government sponsored, religious, or otherwise authorized activity or is going to or coming from a school, religious, government sponsored, or otherwise authorized activity using a direct route.

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- (f) Married or otherwise legally emancipated of minor status.
- c. The policy concerning special curfew zones is as follows:
  - (1) A child, 16 years of age or younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any unlit public place during the hours of darkness.
  - (2) A child, 16 years of age or younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any unlit public park during the hours of darkness.
- 5. Parent(s) are responsible for compliance with this curfew. Violation of this policy may subject military personnel to disciplinary action under the UCMJ and adverse administrative action. Violation of this policy may also subject military and civilian personnel to expulsion from Fort Bliss, Texas under 18 U.S.C. § 1382, result in referral to the Juvenile Diversion Board and termination of the privilege of occupying family housing.
- 6. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

  
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