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RULES OF THE ROAD

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- ★ This instruction implements AFD 31-2, *Law Enforcement*. The provisions of this instruction are mandatory. Violators are subject to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws. **Keesler AFB Instruction 31-204 is punitive in its entirety and military personnel who violate these provisions are also subject to prosecution under Article 92, UCMJ.** The provisions of the Federal Uniformed Vehicle/Traffic Ordinance Code and Mississippi Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws are incorporated into this instruction and applicable to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. This instruction is applicable to all base personnel.

★ **SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This change incorporates interim change (IC) 2000-1 that clarifies that this instruction is punitive in its entirety. A ★ indicates revision from the previous edition.

Section A - General Traffic Requirements

1. Operating Speed Restrictions. No person will drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions having regard for actual and potential hazards. Consistent with the foregoing, every person will drive at a safe and appropriate speed when approaching or crossing an intersection, traveling on a narrow or winding roadway, when special hazards exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic, or by reasons of weather or road conditions.

1.1. Maximum Limits. The maximum speed limit on Keesler AFB is 25 miles per hour (mph) unless otherwise posted or as indicated below:

1.1.1. Flight Line and unpaved surfaces - 15 mph.

1.1.2. In close proximity to marching formations - 10 mph.

1.1.3. All parking lots - 5 mph.

1.2. Minimum Limits. An operator may not drive at a speed which impedes the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. (Exception - when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law or other traffic control devices.)

2. Obedience to Security Forces Members. Any driver of a motor vehicle who willfully flees or otherwise attempts to elude any security forces member is subject to having his/her installation driving privileges suspended for no more than one year. The order of direction of the security forces member may be oral, by hand or body gesture, by the use of emergency lights, by siren, or by any other signal which clearly evidences the security forces member's order or direction.

3. Shuttle Buses. The driver of a motor vehicle, upon meeting (from either direction) a shuttle bus which has stopped on a roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers with overhead flashers operating, will stop before reaching the bus. Drivers will not proceed until the bus resumes motion, until signaled by the bus driver to proceed, or the visual signals are no longer activated and all passengers are safely out of the traveled portion of the roadway. The one exception to this is on Larcher Blvd where the bus is on the opposite side of the median, and where the vehicle will not pass directly by the bus (at an intersection, etc.).

4. Wearing a Device That Affects Hearing (Headphones). No person may drive a vehicle, ride a bicycle, roller skate, roller blade, walk, or jog on any portion of any roadway while wearing a device or instrument which substantially impairs their hearing. This includes, but is not limited to the use of headsets or earphones containing or connecting to a source of sound such as a radio, tape player, or record player.

5. Vehicles Entering Yield Intersections. The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign will slow to a speed which is reasonable for the existing conditions, and will yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

NOTE: If a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in an intersection after driving past a yield sign without stopping, such collision is deemed prima facie evidence of the driver's failure to yield right-of-way.

6. Stopping/Standing/Parking. Do not stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, in compliance with other traffic laws, or the directions of a security forces member or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

6.1. Within 50 feet of any hangar, ammunition storage area, or fuel storage area (except in designated parking spaces).

6.2. At any spot officially designated for another person or agency. Such parking places are marked by painted rectangular signs which comply with the current installation sign plan.

6.3. Upon any seeded area or the shoulder of the road except:

6.3.1. Utility vehicles being used in the performance of repair, maintenance, or construction.

6.3.2. During special activities and events when parking on seeded areas and the shoulder of roads has been authorized.

6.4. Within 15 feet of trash containers or in a manner that blocks access to the container.

6.5. In areas other than authorized parking spaces in the industrial and housing areas. Mark parking spaces by lines, either diagonal or horizontal, or by a white "T". Parking in any area not so marked is prohibited.

6.6. On any side of any road on the main installation unless the pavement is marked with signs or other traffic control markings as an authorized parking area.

6.7. On any side of the roadway in traffic circles located in the military family housing areas.

7. Motorcycle Parking Regulations. Motorcycles, scooters, motor driven cycles, and motorized bicycles may park in normal vehicle spaces except in those parking lots with spaces marked for motorcycles and scooters only. Cycles angle park, two to a slot, in lots with angle parking and 90 degree parking. For parallel parking, face cycles outward at a right angle to the curb. Three cycles in one slot are authorized.

8. Maintenance of Vehicles on Roads and Parking Areas.

8.1. Do not perform maintenance on a vehicle stopped or parked on a roadway except for minor maintenance required to render the vehicle immediately operational.

8.2. Do not perform major maintenance on a vehicle except at the Auto Hobby Shop. Any vehicle that can't be identified by Auto Hobby Shop personnel is subject to impoundment at the owner's expense.

8.3. Do not leave a vehicle unattended on a road or parking area while the vehicle is supported by jacks, stands, or blocks.

9. Unauthorized Vehicle Accessories.

9.1. **Radar Detection Devices.** The use of radar or laser detection devices to indicate the presence of speed recording instruments or to transmit simulated erroneous speeds is prohibited on Keesler AFB.

10. Miscellaneous.

10.1. "U" turns on base are permitted provided this action does not create a traffic blockage or hazardous situation for other motorists or pedestrians with the following exceptions: "U" Turns are prohibited at:

10.1.1. Intersection of 5th Street and Meadows Drive.

10.1.2. Intersection of Hercules Street and Ploesti Drive.

10.2. All motor vehicles will come to a complete stop upon entering the installation unless directed to proceed by security forces entry controllers. During the hours of darkness, all operators of vehicles entering the installation will turn their headlights to parking lights when approaching the gatehouse. Operators are not required to stop at the gate when departing the installation except when directed.

10.3. Security forces may issue persons operating unsafe or defective vehicles a traffic citation which will permit up to 72 hours to have the defects corrected. Once corrected, the violator must bring the vehicle to the Security Forces Control Center, Bldg. 3501, for inspection. Coordinate commercial repair problems with the Operations Superintendent.

10.4. Vehicles must yield to marching formations. No vehicle operator will approach closer than 50 feet to a marching formation without authorization from a member of the formation who is designated traffic control duties (i.e., orange traffic control vest, blue rope, etc.). Once cleared to pass, no vehicle will exceed 10 mph while passing the formation in any direction.

10.5. Driving on sodded areas or walkways is prohibited, except for emergencies or as required for official maintenance.

10.6. Parking of recreational or utility vehicles or trailers in dormitory parking lots, industrial parking lots, or base housing streets or driveways is prohibited. When possible, use Services/Housing storage lots to store these vehicles. Recreational or utility trailers or vehicles may be parked at a dormitory or a base housing quarters 24 hours prior and 24 hours after a trip or use. Where Services/Housing parking slots are not available:

10.6.1. The Base Housing Office may provide written permission to park the vehicle or trailer in a housing driveway for housing occupants;

10.6.2. The Unit Commander or First Sergeant may provide written permission to park the vehicle or trailer in a dormitory parking lot for dormitory occupants.

10.7. Parking vehicles (to include cars, trucks, boats, trailers, personal watercraft, RVs, and motorcycles) advertised "For Sale" on the installation is prohibited when they are parked in such a way that they are clearly positioned to advertise the sale. There is no intent to prevent people from operating vehicles with "For Sale" signs in the normal course of their day-to-day driving activity. Individuals who wish to advertise vehicles for sale may contact the Skills Development Center (81 SVS/SVRS) to make arrangements to place the vehicle in the Base Resale Lot (the Lemon Lot). This is the only authorized area on the installation where people may advertise

vehicles for sale.

11. Littering. The discharge or throwing of trash or any other item onto the roadway or property of Keesler AFB is prohibited.

12. Driving With an Open Container. Do not drive or ride in a vehicle with an open container of alcoholic beverage in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. For the purpose of this instruction, the term open container includes, but is not limited to, a bottle, can, or any other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage with the seal around the lid, cap, or cork having been broken, removed, or otherwise nonexistent. In the event a vehicle has no storage outside the passenger's compartment, keep open containers outside the reach of the driver and passengers.

13. Transportation of Illegal Drugs. Any person who is apprehended and found guilty of transporting any illegal controlled substance in a motor vehicle is subject to a mandatory one year revocation of base driving privileges. Any vehicle found to contain any illegal controlled substance may be impounded, if the Drug Enforcement Agency or the FBI determine the vehicle should be seized and forfeited.

14. When Lamps are Required. Except when approaching an installation entry point, do not use parking lights when a motor vehicle is in motion, unless the headlamps are also lighted.

15. Exhibition of Speed. Motor vehicle operators will not accelerate in any manner which causes the wheels of their vehicle to break traction with the pavement or road surface.

16. Eluding Traffic Control Devices. It is unlawful for any person to drive through parking lots or other areas to elude or bypass specific traffic control devices.

17. Unattended Motor Vehicles. No person will leave a child or children (under the age of 10 years), or any animal (pet) unattended in a vehicle, when it endangers the health of the child or animal.

18. Quiet Zones and Hours. Motor vehicle operators will not operate their vehicles in such a manner as to disrupt or otherwise disregard the rights of those around them. This applies to all areas of the installation; however, special emphasis is placed on those areas identified as "Quiet Zones" (hospital parking areas and roadways, base housing areas and all barracks parking areas), and during basewide "Quiet Hours" which are between 2200 and 0600 daily.

18.1. Acceleration of a vehicle in such a manner as to cause a loud or unusual noise is prohibited.

18.2. Unnecessary use of vehicle horns or audible equipment (including vehicle stereo systems) is prohibited. For vehicle stereos, the volume level will not be set in such a manner as to be clearly audible for a distance exceeding 15 feet in any direction.

19. Safe Clearance. The operator of each motor vehicle will ensure there is proper clearance to the front, rear, right, left, top and bottom of their vehicle at all times to avoid collisions with other vehicles or fixed objects.

20. Program Applicability and Seat Belts.

20.1. Use of Seat Belts. All personnel who operate or are passengers in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways within the confines of Keesler Air Force Base will wear seat belts IAW MS Code, Section 63-2-1. Buses (not to include the driver), tractors, and two wheeled vehicles are exempted from the seat belt requirement. Additionally, government vehicles may be exempt on a case-by-case basis as designated by the installation commander.

20.2. Operators of vehicles are responsible for ensuring that all passengers, including children under 4 years old or under 50 pounds, who must be properly restrained by a child passenger restraint device or a system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards established by the Department of Transportation, use seat belts as required by those provisions. The failure of a passenger to use a seat belt will result in the imposition of the appropriate suspension or revocation on the operator.

20.3. Riding in the beds of pickup trucks, whether POV or GOV, is prohibited on Keesler AFB. If contingencies require passengers in the beds of GOVs, approval by the organizational commander is required. If the operator/owner of the vehicle installs permanent seats with state approved seatbelts, this prohibition does not apply.

Section B - Motorcycles

21. Definitions.

21.1. Motorcycle. Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for use of a rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, excluding a tractor and a motorized bicycle.

21.2. Motorized Bicycle. Every moped or bicycle with fully operative pedal for propulsion by human power and automatic transmission and motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters, which provides no more than 2.0 brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the bicycle at a maximum design speed of not more than 30 mph on level ground.

21.3. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). Every three-, four- or six-wheeled vehicle designed primarily for off-road recreational use. The term "all-terrain vehicle" will not apply to any golf cart, riding lawn mower, or lawn or garden tractor.

21.4. Goggles. Impact resistant glasses which provide coverage of the entire eye and does not allow access to the eye from the front, either side, or top and bottom.

22. Manner of Riding.

22.1. No person will ride any motor-driven cycle other than upon or astride a permanent or regular seat attached thereto.

22.2. No person will use any motor-driven cycle or motorized bicycle to carry more than one person unless it is equipped with a side-car or extra seat and support for the passenger's feet.

22.3. At no time will all-terrain vehicles be driven on any part of the roadway, parking lots, or any other area on this installation unless authorized by the 81 SPTG/CC.

23. Operator Requirements.

23.1. All operators of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and motorized bicycles will complete a safety course offered by Base Safety as a prerequisite to permanent base vehicle registration and continued operation of their vehicle on or off this installation. The operators of all-terrain vehicles must be properly trained and independently certified on the use of the vehicle and meet the requirements of AFI 91-207, para 15.

23.2. Equip all operators of motor-driven cycles and all motorcycles with a properly fastened (under the chin) protective helmet which meets standards referenced in AFI 91-207, para 14, and impact resistant goggles or a full face shield attached to the helmet for the operator and each authorized passenger. Shields may be opened approximately one inch for ventilation to prevent face plate from fogging over. Additionally, operators and passengers are required to wear safety clothing as listed in AFI 91-207 and all supplements thereto.

23.3. AFI 36-2903 establishes guidelines for the wear of protective equipment with the uniform. Specific information pertaining to required protective equipment to be worn on Keesler AFB is found in the Keesler AFB Supplement 1 to AFI 91-207. For ATV use, the requirements are found in AFI 91-207, para 15.

Section C - Bicycles

24. Carrying Articles. No person operating a bicycle will carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the use of both hands in the control and operation of the bicycle. A person riding a bicycle will keep at least one hand on the handle bars at all times.

25. Clinging to Vehicles. No person riding upon any bicycle, roller skates, roller blades, sled, skateboards, or toy vehicle will attach same or themselves to any vehicle upon a road, parking area, or driveway.

26. Riding on Roads. At no time will bicycle riders operate outside designated bicycle lanes where provided. Specifically, the bicycle lane along Ploesti Drive is used in lieu of the roadway.

26.1. Roller Blading, Roller Skating, and Skateboarding on Roadways. Individuals roller blading will not do so on roadways, except to cross at an intersection or to the other side of a roadway.

27. Bicycles on Sidewalks. Do not operate bicycles on sidewalks, except those small bicycles operated by younger children and equipped with training wheels.

28. Parking Bicycles. Bicycles are parked in bicycle racks, where available. Bicycles may be parked on seeded areas and next to buildings but not in building entry ways or approaches to entry ways.

29. Equipment for Bicycles. Every bicycle is equipped with a brake or brakes which will enable its driver to stop the bicycle within 25 feet from a speed of 10 mph on dry, level, clear pavement. All bicycles will also be equipped with reflectors or reflective tape and must have an operating headlight during hours of diminished visibility. Additionally, operators and passengers are required to wear clothing and helmets as listed in AFI 91-207 and all supplements thereto.

30. Protective Equipment for Bicycles, Roller Blades, Roller Skates and Skateboards. Approved protective helmets are required to be worn at all times. Additionally, it is highly encouraged for skateboarders, roller skaters, and roller bladers to wear knee/elbow pads and wrist guards.

Section D - Abandoned Vehicles

31. Unregistered Vehicles.

31.1. The owner of any unregistered vehicle awaiting proper registration is responsible for moving the vehicle to an authorized parking space. Do not use the parking lot adjacent to the VRC Parking Area for unregistered or disabled vehicles. Citations are issued to violators and vehicles impounded at the owner's expense.

31.2. Do not park unregistered vehicles on any road, vehicle parking lot, grassed, or seeded area. They may, however, be parked in carports or private driveways of military family housing if they do not constitute an offense to general appearance nor block or obstruct the sidewalk.

32. Impoundment/Towing of Vehicles.

32.1. Impoundment of Vehicles. Refer to KAFB Instruction 31-201.

32.2. Towing of Vehicles.

32.2.1. Security forces will have the vehicle of intoxicated drivers who are detained and charged, and are unable to or refuse to have the vehicle moved from the installation, towed to an off-base location at the owner's expense.

32.2.2. Security forces will have vehicles involved in an accident and the owner is unwilling or unable to have the vehicle moved towed to an off-base location at the owner's expense.

32.2.3. Security forces will have abandoned vehicles that cannot be traced to active duty military or dependents of active duty military towed to an off-base location at the owner's expense.

Section E - Accidents

33. Reporting Accidents. The operator of any vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident on Keesler AFB will immediately notify the Security Forces Control Center. Except in an emergency situation, vehicles will not be moved prior to the arrival of security forces.

34. Operators Will Provide. Upon demand of authorities, proof of insurance and/or a valid/current driver's license for any motor vehicle operated on Keesler Air Force Base. Failure to provide said proof may result in the deregistration of that vehicle until such time as proof can be verified.

35. Joggers/Walkers. Jogging/walking individuals will run on existing sidewalks or jogging trails, where available. Where these are not available, joggers/walkers will do so in such a manner as to face oncoming traffic.

36. Roller Bladers, Skaters, and Skateboarders. Roller bladers, skaters, and skateboarders are governed by and enjoy the same rights and restrictions as pedestrians--not bicycles.

37. Motorized Carts. Equip all motorized carts with the following equipment.

37.1. Roll Bar

37.2. Seat Belts

37.3. Brakes

37.4. Rear View Mirror

37.5. Headlights and Tail Lights

37.6. Signal Lights

37.7. Red Warning Flag on a whip-type staff

NOTE: Cannot operate motorized carts on: Ploesti Dr from 1st Street to Hercules St; Larcher Blvd or Meadows Ave (except to cross over these two thoroughfares).

38. Suspended/Revoked Driving Privileges. Personnel granted limited driving privileges after suspension/revocation will strictly adhere to the stipulations given them. Privileges will be considered for those with the most extreme hardship.

ELIZABETH A. HARRELL, Brigadier General, USAF
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Attachment

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Attachment 1**14 JULY 2000****IC 2000-1 TO KEESLER AFB INSTRUCTION 31-204, *RULES OF THE ROAD*****★ *SUMMARY OF REVISIONS***

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