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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy #28, Standards of Child Supervision

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6060.3, School-Age Care (SAC) Program, 19 December 1996.
- b. Army Regulation 608-1, Army Community Service, 13 March 2013.
- c. Army Regulation 608-10, Child Development Services, 15 July 1997.
- d. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007 (*RAR 001, 13 September 2011).
- e. Army Regulation 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 22 November 2006 (*RAR 001, 24 February 2011).
- f. USFK Regulation 600-52, Civilian and/or Family Member Misconduct, 17 February 2014.

2. Purpose: To establish minimum acceptable standards for the supervision of children that reside in Area III.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military and civilian employees of the Department of Defense (DoD), and Invited Contractors that reside in Area III (hereafter collectively referred to as "sponsors" and individually referred to as a "sponsor"). This policy also applies to a sponsor's dependent(s) (including spouse and children) when they reside in Area III in either a command sponsored or a non-command sponsored status.

4. General:

a. Sponsors and parents are ultimately responsible for the health, welfare, and safety of their children at all times. Sponsors and parents must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision the child requires.

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b. Commanders have a responsibility to reduce potential command liability through risk management. Enforcement of parental responsibility and implementation of a child supervision policy helps commanders:

(1) Protect the safety of children by ensuring they are supervised.

(2) Safeguard others from risks associated with unsupervised children in housing/common areas (e.g., playing with matches).

(3) Minimize installation property damage (e.g., vandalism).

(4) Reduce Soldier, Civilian, and Family Member lost duty time due to child misconduct through lack of supervision.

5. Policy:

a. The child supervision age matrix is attached as Appendix A of this policy letter. The matrix operates as a tool to avoid instances of child neglect and serves as a guideline on the appropriate level of adult supervision for children. Failure to comply with the matrix will not be deemed as child neglect. Rather, child neglect will be determined based on the facts and circumstances of each incident. Each child is unique with different personalities, environment, developmental progress and maturity level. It is the parents' duty to determine when a child requires little or no supervision. The matrix cannot cover every possible situation involving the supervision of children. At no time shall any child be left unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health or safety.

b. The following personnel may supervise children: sponsor, parent, designated adult (18 years old or older), sibling (11 years old or older), or other family member (11 years old or older), Family Child Care Provider, Child Developmental Center, or School-Age Center (SAC) employee (whose duty responsibilities include the supervision of children), and babysitter.

c. Children that are 10 to 11 years old that are eligible to stay home alone should complete Home Alone Self-Care Training provided in partnership through the Family Advocacy Program and Child and Youth Services (CYSS).

d. Children that are 7 to 10 years old and walking to or from school or the bus stop should follow the buddy system and walk with a friend or in a group.

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e. To be listed on the Child Development Center's list of babysitters, interested individuals must complete either the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course or the Child and Youth School (CYS) Services Babysitter Training Course.

f. Children that meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program as defined by Army Regulation (AR) 608-75 may require special levels of supervision that supplement the minimum acceptable supervisory standards for children.

g. USAG-H Residents that observe children in Area III in conditions that are below the minimum acceptable supervisory standards for these children should contact the Military Police: Camp Humphreys, call DSN 753-3111 or Commercial 0503-353-3111 (24 hours).

h. Actions that law enforcement and other authorities may take when they observe children in Area III in conditions that are below the minimum acceptable supervisory standards for these children include (but are not limited to) the following:

(1) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider will be immediately contacted to provide appropriate supervision. If this person cannot be located, the Military Police will be contacted for appropriate action.

(2) The child may be removed and placed in child care or emergency placement care (by command authority) when removal from the home is necessary to avoid risk of imminent death, serious bodily harm, or serious mental or physical abuse.

(3) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider may be investigated to determine if a violation of this policy occurred and appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken based upon the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, or USFK/USAG Humphreys and Area III regulation and policy dealing with civilian and Family member misconduct.

(4) A finding of child neglect may be assessed against the sponsor, parent, and/or designated care provider if a child is observed in conditions that satisfy the regulatory definition of "child neglect" contained in AR 608-18

i. If child neglect or abuse is suspected, report the neglect or abuse to the Military Police, the Report Point of Contact, or the Military Treatment Facility's emergency room. Serious abuse or neglect cases, or persistent violations of this policy may result in adverse administrative actions, offenders being barred from post, the early return of dependents, or criminal prosecution under the UCMJ or other applicable laws.

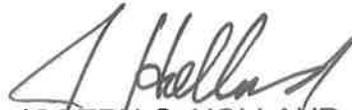
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j. This policy will be reviewed annually.

6. Point of Contact is Family Advocacy Program Manager, Army Community Service, DSN 753-6287.

Encl
Appendix A Matrix



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