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Subj: CELL PHONE POLICY (DISTRACTED DRIVING)

Ref: (a) AR 190-5/OPNAV 11200.5D/AFI 31-218(I)/MCO 5110.1C/DLAR
5720.1, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision,
of 25 Jan 06
(b) OPNAVINST 5100.12G, Navy Traffic Safety Program
(c) DODINST 4500.36-R, Management, Acquisition and Use of
Motor Vehicles, of 16 March 2007.

1. Purpose. Promulgate interim policy regarding driver activities and devices known to divert attention away from the road and to reduce risk of motor vehicle mishaps.
2. Background. OPNAV 11200.5D(4)(I), incorporated by reference (a), provides Department of Defense (DoD) joint traffic guidance for reducing distractions while driving on military installations. This notice includes prohibitions for use of cellular telephones while driving. Reference (b) is currently under revision and, upon release, will include specific Navy policy on use of cell phones while driving. Sections C2.7.8 and C10.6 of reference (c), further prohibit the use of hand-held wireless phones while operating a DoD-owned or -leased motor vehicle. This notice is being issued in the interim to reduce driving related mishaps on Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) installations.
3. Applicability. This notice applies to all Navy personnel, civilian employees, family members, contractors, tenants, and visitors operating privately owned vehicles, government owned, leased or rented vehicles on NRSW installations, except for fire, emergency response or law enforcement and security personnel operating a government motor vehicle for official purposes. This notice also applies to all Navy personnel, civilian employees, and contractors, operating government owned, leased or rented vehicles off any NRSW installations, except for fire, emergency response or law enforcement and security personnel operating a government motor vehicle for official purposes.

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4. Policy. Effective immediately, all motor vehicle operators on NRSW installations and operators of government-owned, leased or rented vehicles on or off installation will comply with the following:

a. Driver use of a hand-held cellular phone in a moving vehicle, except for official fire and emergency response or law enforcement or security purposes, is hereby prohibited.

b. The prohibition against using hand-held cellular phones does not include hands-free cellular phone devices. Hands-free devices include console/dash-mounted or otherwise secured cellular phones with integrated features such as voice-activation, speed dial, speakerphone, or other similar technology for sending and receiving calls.

c. Driver use of any portable, personal listening device worn inside, around or covering the driver's ear, while operating a motor vehicle, except for fire and emergency response or law enforcement/security purposes, is prohibited. Listening devices include, but are not limited to wired or wireless earphones and headphones for CD/MP3 players, and bluetooth or similar technology, but do not include hearing aids or devices designed and required for hearing enhancement.

5. Enforcement. This notice will be enforced by base security. Violations of this interim guidance will be subject to actions described in OPNAVINST 11200.5D(4)(II) of reference (a). Administrative actions (reprimand, assessment of points, loss of on-base driving privileges) may be initiated against persons who violate this notice by driver use of a hand-held cellular phone in a moving vehicle.

6. Cancellation Contingency. This notice shall remain in effect until superseded by another notice bearing the same subject.



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