



Department of Defense

# DIRECTIVE

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Incorporating Change 3, Effective September 30, 2020

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**SUBJECT:** Enforcement of the State Traffic Laws on DoD Installations

- References: (a) DoD Instruction 6055.04, "DoD Traffic Safety Program," April 20, 2009, as amended
- (b) Delegation of Authority to the Secretary of Defense by the Administrator, General Services Administration, March 20, 1981 (enclosure 1)
  - (c) Section 13 of title 18, United States Code
  - (d) Section 318c of title 40, United States Code
  - (e) Public Law 116-92, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020," December 20, 2019

## 1. PURPOSE

This Directive establishes policies pursuant to the requirements of reference (a) and to authority delegated to the Secretary of Defense under reference (b) for the enforcement, on DoD military installations, of those State vehicular and pedestrian traffic laws that cannot be assimilated under reference (c).

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

2.1. The provisions of this Directive apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, and the Defense Agencies.

2.2. The provisions encompass all persons who operate or control a motor vehicle or otherwise use the streets of a military installation over which the United States exercises exclusive or concurrent legislative jurisdiction.

2.3. The provisions govern only vehicular and traffic offenses or infractions that cannot be assimilated under reference (c), thereby precluding application of State laws to traffic offenses committed on military installations.

### 3. POLICY

3.1. It is the policy of the Department of Defense that an effective, comprehensive traffic safety program be established and maintained at all military installations, as prescribed in reference (a).

3.2. State vehicular and pedestrian traffic laws that are now or may hereafter be in effect shall be expressly adopted and made applicable on military installations to the extent provided by this Directive. All persons on a military installation shall comply with the vehicular and pedestrian traffic laws of the State in which the installation is located.

3.3. Pursuant to the authority established in enclosure 1, installation commanders of all DoD installations in the United States and over which the United States has exclusive or concurrent legislative jurisdiction are delegated the authority to establish additional vehicular and pedestrian traffic rules and regulations for their installations. All persons on a military installation shall comply with locally established vehicular and pedestrian traffic rules and regulations.

3.4. A person found guilty of violating, on a military installation, any State vehicular or pedestrian traffic law or local installation vehicular or pedestrian traffic rule or regulation made applicable to the installation under the provisions of this Directive is subject to a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, for each violation (40 U.S.C. 318c (reference (d))).

3.5. This Directive does not limit the application of any Federal law or regulation or, under 18 U.S.C. 13 (reference (c)), any State law made applicable to offenses committed on military installations.

3.6. A copy of this Directive shall be posted in an appropriate place on the DoD installation concerned.

### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management) (ASD(R&FM)) shall modify this Directive, as appropriate.

4.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall comply with this Directive.

5. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 3. This administrative change updates:

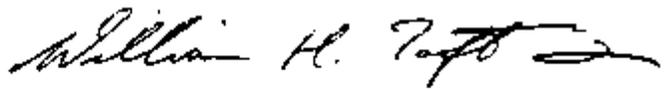
a. The title of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security in accordance with Public Law 116-92 (reference (e)).

b. Additional organizational changes reflecting direction in statute or Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense direction.

c. Administrative changes in accordance with current standards of the Office of the Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective November 2, 1981. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) within 120 days.



William H. Taft, IV  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Enclosures - 1

E1. Delegation of Authority to the Secretary of Defense

E1. ENCLOSURE 1

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1. Purpose. This delegation authorizes the Secretary of Defense to assist in controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic on military installations in the United States.

2. Effective date. This delegation became effective on March 20, 1981.

3. Delegation.

a. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377), as amended, and the Act of June 1, 1948 (62 Stat. 281), as amended, authority is hereby delegated to the Secretary of Defense to make all needful rules and regulations, and to attach to these rules and regulations such reasonable penalties, not to exceed those prescribed in 40 U.S.C. 318c, as will ensure their enforcement for governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic on military installations of the Department of Defense, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 612, in the United States and over which the United States has exclusive or concurrent legislative jurisdiction.

b. The Secretary of Defense may redelegate this authority to any officer, official, or employee of the Department of Defense.

c. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with the limitations and requirements of the above-cited acts, and the policies, procedures, and controls prescribed by the General Services Administration.

4. Effect on other directives. FPMR Temporary Regulation D-28 is revoked.

Dated: JUN 24 1981

(Signed) William P. Clamen  
Administrator