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MEMORANDUM THRU BG Deborah S. Rose, Director, Joint Force Headquarters, 2800 Southwest Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66611-1287 *Deborah S. Rose 4 Jan 10*

FOR MG Tod M. Bunting, The Adjutant General of Kansas, 2800 Southwest Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66611-1287 *Approved TM Bunting 10 Jan 10*

SUBJECT: Request for Exception to TAG Policy #17 dtd 23 November 2009, Electronic Communications Device Use While Driving in Performance of Duty

1. Request exception to TAG Policy #17 dtd 23 Nov 09, Electronic Communications Device Use While Driving in the Performance of Duty for Kansas National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Ground Reconnaissance (KSNG CDTF GR) personnel while in the performance of authorized missions.
2. KSNG CDTF GR personnel work closely with law enforcement personnel in conducting Counterdrug operations. During these operations the use of handheld radios is critical to mission success. The ability to utilize cell phone communications during the loss of radio communication is critical to mission success and completion.
3. Request that CDTF GR mission personnel be authorized to utilize handheld radios in the performance of their duties with the understanding that they will use hands free devices for the radios when possible.
4. Request that if CDTF GR personnel are engaged in a mission and radio communications fail or are out of range, that mission personnel be authorized to use a hands-free cellular device until communications are reestablished or stopping the vehicle will not hinder mission accomplishment.
5. If approved, I have attached a memorandum for the exception to policy for review and signature.
6. POC for this request is LTC Steven H. Ferrell at 785-861-3937.

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