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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

AFRC-TR (350)

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Individual Weapons Safety Training Policy

1. References:

a. Memorandum, HQ USARC, AFRC-TR, 12 Dec 03, Subject: Command Training Guidance (CTG) for Training Years 2004-2006.

b. STP 21-1-SMCT, Soldier's Manual of Common Tasks, Oct 94

2. Accidental weapons discharges resulting in injury, property damage, and death are increasing. Commanders will immediately initiate safe weapons handling training to mitigate this problem. The recent publication of the Command Training Guidance for Training Years 2004-2006 directed quarterly Preliminary Marksmanship Training (PMT) for all soldiers with an individually assigned weapon. This may be accomplished by training one third of the unit each month.

3. Commanders are now responsible for conducting safe weapons handling training in conjunction with quarterly PMT. Soldiers who are participating in PMT will draw their weapons for the entire Individual Duty for Training (IDT) weekend allowing them to practice their marksmanship skills and to practice safe handling procedures while performing their normal military duties. Safely handling weapons and properly securing weapons is the standard for all weapons training.

4. First line leaders must be involved in enforcing training and safety standards. Although weapons will not be loaded during the quarterly PMT training; they must be treated as if they are loaded. Leaders must correct any unsafe acts immediately to create awareness and understanding of the inherent dangers of handling weapons. This is basic soldiering that has significant life and death impact. Safety measures are repeatedly referenced in all weapons related Warrior Training Tasks. Training safely is an innate Noncommissioned Officer support chain responsibility as the primary trainers for all Warrior Tasks.

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