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## INFORMATION PAPER

**SUBJECT:** Movement and Handling of Drill and Air Rifles

1. **Purpose.** To reduce anxiety or avoid alarming citizens observing JROTC training or competitions.

2. **Facts.**

a. JROTC DAIs and School Battalions are tasked to review, revise and enforce policy concerning the movement and handling of all weapons (demilitarized weapons, replica weapons, and air rifles) on campus, schools, communities, and local training areas. The reference is Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Bulletin #1, dated 3 March 08. **As a minimum the following brigade measures are directed:**

1) **Develop a list of personnel (school officials, security, and local police to be contacted when competitions are scheduled.** Include the date, time, location of the competition, JROTC POC, e-mail address, and telephone/cell phone numbers. Contact the people on the list well-in-advance, and send a reminder to the local police the day prior to the event. These personnel will be informed of the day-to-day activities at the school—when cadets use drill or air rifles.

2) **Demilitarized rifles and air rifles will be covered when transported.** For example, air rifles will be transported in a case. Drill rifles may be carried in a case or in a duffle bag. The cases will be marked with a JROTC decal. **Duffle bags/carrying cases will be marked to identify the school and the term..Army JROTC** inscribed on the bag/case.

3) During training or competition, **JROTC cadre members accompanying cadets will wear the Army uniform (Class A, B, or ACU).** When cadets are practicing drill, the unit guidon or a "JROTC drill sign" will be placed in close proximity.

4) When drill rifles and/or air rifles are transported on school buses or privately-owned vehicles, **a sign will be posted on the front or rear dash..marked by an ARMY JROTC placard** or the JROTC decal.

5) During individual movement (outside of formation), at the school, training site, or near competition area, cadets will **carry the rifle at "sling arms or shoulder arms."** The buddy rule is always in effect—never should a cadet be alone with a rifle.

6) During training and competitions, **drill and air rifles are assigned to cadets** and accountability/security is maintained IAW AR 190-11...signed out.

7) Immediately after training and competitions, drill and air rifles will be **accounted for by serial number..before departing** the event site.

b. Enforcement of this policy may prevent an altercation with law enforcement. Moreover, it will help protect government property from loss or theft. It will certainly reduce anxiety and alarm for the casual observer.

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