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SUBJ: TEXTING WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE GENERAL ORDER

A. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13513, FEDERAL LEADERSHIP ON REDUCING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING
B. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ACTIONS: DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, ADVERSE ACTIONS, APPEALS,
AND GRIEVANCES, COMDTINST M12750.4 (SERIES)

C. NONAPPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) PERSONNEL MANUAL, COMDTINST M12271.1 (SERIES)

D. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MANUAL, COMDTINST M16790.1 (SERIES) E. SAFETY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANUAL, COMDTINST M5100.47 (SERIES) CH10

1. IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE DANGERS OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING, THE PRESIDENT
ISSUED REFERENCE (A) WHICH MANDATES A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT- WIDE PROHIBITION ON THE
USE OF TEXTING MESSAGES WHILE DRIVING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OR WHILE USING
GOVERNMENT-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY REFERENCE (A) WILL BE IMPLEMENTED COAST GUARD WIDE AS
FOLLOWS:

A. ALL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MEMBERS, INCLUDING RESERVISTS IN AN ACTIVE STATUS
INCLUDING IDT AND ADT, AND COAST GUARD AUXILIARISTS WHEN ASSIGNED TO DUTY, ARE
ORDERED NOT TO READ, TYPE OR SEND TEXT MESSAGES OR E-MAIL WHEN DRIVING A
GOVERNMENT OWNED VEHICLE, WHEN DRIVING A PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE ON OFFICIAL
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS, OR WHEN USING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE
GOVERNMENT.

B. MILITARY MEMBERS: THIS ORDER IS PUNITIVE IN NATURE AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW
THIS ORDER CAN RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER ARTICLE 92 OF THE UCMJ.

C. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING NONAPPROPRIATED FUND EMPLOYEES:
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES (B) AND (C).

D. AUXILIARISTS: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN
ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (E).

E. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ORDER: PERSONNEL MAY USE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IF THEIR
VEHICLE IS SAFELY PARKED OR, FOR EMERGENCY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL: THE
MESSAGES ARE CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFUL MISSION EXECUTION, STOPPING/PARKING THE
VEHICLE IS NOT SAFE OR REASONABLE, AND THE MESSAGES ARE SENT/RECEIVED WHILE
PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES (E.G., INCLUDING THE USE OF IN-CAR MOBILE DATA
TERMINALS AND OTHER IN-CAR ELECTRONIC DEVICES).

F. FOR THE PURPOSE OF LINE OF DUTY/MISCONDUCT DETERMINATIONS, FAILURE TO TAKE
PROPER VEHICULAR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING COMPLYING WITH THIS ORDER, WILL
BE CONSIDERED AS AN OF THE POTENTIALLY SEVERAL FACTORS DURING LINE OF
DUTY/MISCONDUCT DETERMINATION.

ALTHOUGH A MEMBERS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER WILL NOT CREATE AN
AUTOMATIC PRESUMPTION OF MISCONDUCT OR CAUSATION, A DETERMINATION OF NOT OF
IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE SERVICE MEMBER AND/OR THE SERVICE
MEMBERS FAMILY.

2. THE CONTENTS OF THIS ALCOAST, INCLUDING THE PUNITIVE ASPECT OF IT, SHALL BE
INCORPORATED IN A FUTURE CHANGE TO REFERENCE (D).

3. ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN, COMMANDANT, SENDS.

4. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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