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MEMORANDUM

Subj: ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATION SITES

Encl: (1) NAF El Centro Local Area Map
(2) NAF El Centro Range Map

1. Purpose. To notify federal, state, local, and commercial service agencies that beginning 30 November 2023, the bombing range entrance gates that provide access to the Superstition Mountain Communication Sites (Sites 7 & 8) next to the Range Building (Bldg. 5000; Encl 1) will be permanently locked and a new access protocol will be instituted.
2. Scope. This memorandum specifies Procedures directed by the “using” Agency, MCAS Yuma Range Management for access and safety procedures that shall be utilized by all personnel seeking access to the Superstition Mountain communication sites. This instruction contains specific range safety parameters and procedures in accordance with MCAS Yuma Range Management Standard Operating Procedures. **MCAS Yuma Fire Desk (Leg Iron) is responsible for access to the NAF El Centro Active Impact Areas/Ranges, within the Superstition Mountain Communication Sites, building 5000, and all other areas which require inspections or maintenance. All activities that utilize the NAF El Centro Complex shall strictly adhere to the provisions set forth in this memorandum.**
3. Discussion. Personnel requiring service road access to the communications sites shall contact MCAS Yuma Range Scheduling (Skeds) and schedule the date & estimated time. Range access will only be granted accordingly and based on availability. For emergency access, contact Leg Iron at (928) 269-7080 or The MCAS Yuma Range Control Officer at (928) 269-6488.
4. Procedures. The following guidelines shall be adhered to at all times to ensure that personnel safety is maintained during access to the communication sites. Nothing in these instructions will prevent the exercise of sound judgment to preserve lives and property, or to ensure the safety of personnel.
 - a. Initial Request. Contact Yuma Skeds at (928) 269-2214/2215/2690/5575 for all scheduling requests at a minimum of 14 days prior to the event. Requests within the two-week window will be considered on a case-by-case basis and shall be subject to approval based on priority level.
 - b. For any emergent/”Same Day” Requests
 - Contact Leg Iron (928)-269-7080 prior to arriving at the Range Boundary/Imler Rd.

- Land Mobile Radios (LMR) shall be mandatory when operating within the Range Training Area (RTA) as the the primary means of communication. LMR Radios can be checked out from El Centro Base Ops. Radios shall be checked out prior to access. Range access shall be denied without demonstrating "2-Way Positive Radio Communication". For check out of LMR radio's, contact NAF El Centro Base Operations @ (760) 339-2286.

c. The scheduled unit shall contact Leg Iron via the LMR radio with a specific time in, the estimated time out, the number of vehicles entering the range, and the number of personnel entering the range. Once the unit is established at their working site, Leg Iron will place them on a 1 to 4 hour "comm check" via the LMR to maintain constant communication. If the "requestor" is complete, prior to conflicting with scheduled priority activities (Aviation Ordnance Delivery/Laser Activity) there shall be no issues in clearing them "Off" range. The intent is that in certain cases/circumstances at Leg Iron's discretion, once granted transit within the R-2510, there is a possibility of delay "In-Place" until it is determined safe to transit back/off range.

d. In-Processing. Report to the NAF El Centro Pass/ID office lot, located in the dirt lot outside and to the right of the main gate, and contact the NAF El Centro Range Office. A Range Office representative will proceed to the front gate parking lot, provide the range access logbook for sign-in, provide a range safety briefing and status of the Active Impact Areas/Ranges, and issue a range access gate key. An escort will be appointed who is responsible for maintaining visual contact of all escorted personnel at all times while adhering to the procedures listed below. Once in- processing is completed, personnel may proceed to the Range Building access gate.

e. Upon Arrival at the Range Building Access Gate. Contact Leg Iron via LMR Radio to receive an updated bombing range safety status and final permission to travel to the Superstition Mountain communication site(s). Ensure that the gate is closed and locked before proceeding.

f. Transiting the Active Impact Areas/Ranges. To ensure maximum safety while transiting the Active Impact Areas/Ranges to the communication site(s) all personnel will remain on the range access road and may not deviate under any circumstance. Maximum driving speed is 25 MPH. Headlights and yellow construction vehicle strobe lights shall be on. A 4x4 vehicle shall be required in order to transit through sand that has accumulated on Superstition Mountain access roads.

g. Departure. Prior to departing the range or transiting to another communication site, Unit/requester shall contact Leg Iron via LMR to request clearance back off the range based on current Hot/Cold status for permission to transit on or exit the bombing range.

h. Upon Exiting the Active Ranges. Ensure that the access gate is locked and call Leg Iron to report that you are safely off the bombing range and returning to the installation with the key.

i. Check-out. Report to the NAF El Centro front gate parking lot and contact the NAF El Centro Range Office to return the gate key.

Failure to comply with these regulations may subject the offender to prosecution under federal, state, or local laws or disciplinary action. Offenders shall be held liable for repair/restoration of facilities and training areas. Violations may also cause operations to be halted until corrective

action has been taken. Access privileges may be revoked by the Range Control Officer based on the severity of the infraction(s).

5. Customs & Border Protection Services. Access onto the range for Border Patrol agents must be coordinated exclusively through CBP facility dispatch, facility dispatch will then contact Leg Iron @ 928-269-7080 for clearance. Agents are reminded that range clearance requests made directly to Leg Iron, will not be granted. This procedure is implemented to centralize communication channels and ensure optimal safety measures.

6. Emergencies. Contact Leg Iron upon any emergency within the Active Impact Areas/Ranges. "LEG IRON" will request the following information for initiating a MEDEVAC response:

- Type and source of injury
- Type of medevac (air or ground)
- Range/grid location
- MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON SCENE(YES/NO)

Advise type of support needed by classification:
MEDEVAC Classifications:

- Routine = no threat to life, limb, or eyesight
- Priority = requires immediate attention but no threat to life, limb, or eyesight
- Urgent = Injury threatens life, limb, or eyesight

For minor injuries, proceed directly to the El Centro Regional Medical Center (1415 W. Ross Avenue; (760) 339-7100).

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