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Subj: USE OF MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AS PRISONER ESCORTS
CONDUCTING AUTHORIZED PRISONER TRANSPORTS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1640.9C
(b) MILPERSMAN 1640-110
(c) BUPERSINST 1640.20

1. Purpose. Provide clarifying guidance regarding qualifications of escorts tasked with the responsibility to transfer/transport prisoners. Guidance contained herein applies to prisoner transfers/transportations under the cognizance of the prisoner's Command or Service, vice Navy Corrections system movements, for continued confinement requirements.

2. Background

a. Per references (a) and (b), commanding officers (COs) shall determine the degree of security measures needed to ensure the safe delivery of personnel being transported to/from confinement facilities.

b. COs are responsible for ensuring only personnel who have received specialized training and experience are assigned as prisoner escorts.

c. Where prisoner movements are under the cognizance of the Navy Corrections system, it is clear that brig staff escorts (regardless of Service) shall be trained and qualified as "advanced prisoner escorts". Reference (c) also provides Navy policy for establishment, administration, and deployment of Armed Escort Teams (AETs). Policy is less clear within references (a) and (b) where movements are conducted under the prisoners own Command or Service cognizance.

3. Policy. Where pre-coordinated prisoner movements (transfers/transportations) are authorized and conducted by the prisoner's own Command or Service, Brig Officers shall ensure such personnel are adequately trained. Escorts that are serving in a related law enforcement rating/military occupational specialty (MOS) (Master at Arms, Security Police, Military Police, sworn law enforcement officers of the investigative services) shall be considered adequately trained. Non-law enforcement personnel shall be trained and qualified as "basic prisoner escorts" for local movements and "advanced prisoner escorts" for out of area movements.

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