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MEMORANDUM FOR LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

FROM: SBD 3/CC

SUBJECT: Los Angeles Air Force Base Youth Supervision Policy

1. **PURPOSE:** Establish guidelines for the supervision of children on Los Angeles Air Force Base, Fort MacArthur, and Military Family Housing areas at fields, playgrounds, etc. Parents are ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of their children and for compliance with this policy. It is also essential parents develop a safety and emergency plan. See attachment 1, Child and Youth Supervision Guidelines. In the event of suspected or actual child neglect and/or abuse, Security Forces will contact the base Family Advocacy Office. This instruction applies to all personnel residing in Los Angeles Air Force Base Military Family Housing. This memorandum supersedes all previous versions, same subject.

2. Youth Supervision Policy Definitions:

- 2.1 Newborn: Ages 0-12 months of age
- 2.2 Infant: 12-24 months of age
- 2.3 Toddler: 2-3 years of age
- 2.4 Preschooler: 4-5 years of age
- 2.5 Child: 6 - 12 years of age
- 2.6 Teenager: 13-18 years of age
- 2.7 Juvenile: Under 18 years of age
- 2.8 Maturity: The ability to exercise sound judgment and responsibility on a consistent basis.
- 2.9 Managing Emergencies: The knowledge and ability to contact emergency services (i.e. 911, Fire Department, Police Department and Ambulance).
- 2.10 Supervision: Assuming responsibility for the safety and well-being of others.
- 2.11 Frequent Monitoring: Recurring observation of the action or performance of others.
- 2.12 Adult Supervision: Someone 18 years or older who has or assumes responsibility of observing and monitoring a child for their safety and well-being.
- 2.13 Unattended/unsupervised: Any juvenile left without an authorized person exercising supervision.
- 2.14 Certification: Approved baby-sitting training through the Red Cross.

3. Age Requirements

- 3.1 Children 0-5: Shall not be left alone in quarters; are not allowed to walk alone to and from school; may not be outside alone, to include playing. Base housing residents should be aware that "tot playgrounds" are unsupervised and children five years and younger may not be left at

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such locations without adult supervision. (Note: Becoming unaware of the location of your child is evidence that frequent monitoring has not been exercised.) Families living adjacent to the playgrounds and fields do not assume supervisory duties unless they have specifically agreed to do so with the children's parents. Supervision or arrangements for supervision are always the parents' responsibility. They may not be left unattended in an automobile. They may not child sit siblings nor others and may not be unattended at sponsored events.

- 3.2 Children 6-9: Shall not be left alone in quarters; are allowed to walk alone to and from school; may be outside alone, to include playing, with access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult assistance. Families living adjacent to the playgrounds and fields do not assume supervisory duties unless they have specifically agreed to do so with the children's parents. Supervision or arrangements for supervision are always the parents' responsibility. They may not be left unattended in an automobile. They may neither child sit siblings nor others and cannot be unattended at sponsored events.
- 3.3 Children 10-11: May not be left alone in quarters for more than two hours. Children must be provided a telephone number and have ready access to an adult supervisor. Before leaving children alone, it is important to assess their comfort level, maturity, and ability to manage emergencies. They may be left alone outside, to include playing and may be left unattended in an automobile with the keys removed and handbrake applied. Ten- to 11-year-olds are not allowed to child sit others. However, they are allowed to child sit siblings at age 11 for no more than two hours. They are allowed to attend sponsored events unattended.
- 3.4 Children 12-14: May be left alone in quarters for more than two hours during daytime hours, before curfew. They may not be left alone in quarters alone overnight. They may be left alone outside, to include playing and may be left unattended in an automobile with the keys removed and handbrake applied. They are allowed to child sit siblings and others. They are allowed to attend sponsored events unattended.
- 3.5 Teenagers 15-18: They may be left alone in quarters for more than two hours and left alone overnight, not to exceed five consecutive days. Adult supervision must be available to make periodic checks. They may be left alone outside and in an unattended automobile. They are allowed to child sit siblings and others. They are allowed to attend sponsored events unattended.

4. Youth Supervision Training: Children 11 years and older must receive youth supervision training before being given the responsibility of supervising children. Training is available through using the Red-Cross's online training program (<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/babysitting-basics-online/a6R0V0000015FUP.html?cgid=babysitting-child-care&isCourse=true&storedistance=undefined#latitude=33.7349075&longitude=-118.3140488&searchtype=class&zip=San+Pedro%2C+CA+90732%2C+USA&zipcode=90732&start=1&cgid=babysitting-child-care>).

5. Curfew: Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances (LACCO), Title 13, Division 7, Chapter 13.56, restricts minors (children under the age of 18) during curfew hours from being in public places unless accompanied by an adult. Nighttime curfew policy hours are enforced seven days a week from 2200-Sunrise. The curfew policy is intended to provide a safer community and better protects children from becoming victims of crime or becoming involved in delinquent behavior. Exceptions to the curfew policy apply under the following circumstances in accordance with LACCO 13.56.020:

- 5.1 The minor is accompanied by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) authorized by said parent(s) or guardian(s) to have the care and custody of the minor.
- 5.2 The minor is on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) authorized by said parent(s) or guardian(s) to have the care and custody of the minor.

- 5.3 The minor is in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel.
- 5.4 The minor is present at, or traveling to or directly home from, a place or places that is connected with or required by a business, trade, profession or occupation in which said minor is lawfully engaged.
- 5.5 The minor is involved in an "emergency situation," which means for this purpose, any unforeseen set of circumstances that calls for immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life, including, but not limited to, a fire, natural disaster, or automobile accident.
- 5.6 The minor is within 50 feet of the front door of his or her residence.
- 5.7 The minor is present at, or traveling to or directly home from, a school, religious, or recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by a school, religious or civic organization, or other similar entity or organization that assumes responsibility for the minor.
- 5.8 The minor is present at, or traveling to or directly home from, a political fundraiser, rally or other political activity, or is otherwise exercising his or her First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, provided that any such political event or other First Amendment-type activity is supervised by adults and/or sponsored by a political organization or other similar entity or organization that assumes responsibility for the minor.
- 5.9 The minor is present at, or traveling to or directly home from, a public meeting, or place of public entertainment, such as a movie, play, sporting event, dance or school activity, provided such meeting, event or activity is a school-approved activity for the minor or is otherwise supervised by school personnel of said minor's school; or
- 5.10 The minor has entered into a valid marriage, is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, or has otherwise been declared emancipated pursuant to Section 7002, et seq., of the California Family Code.

6. Truancy Policy: Children ages 6-17 years attending a public or private school other than home study are restricted from being outdoors (including playgrounds, activity fields, etc.) or in public places without adult supervision during truancy hours. Truancy hours are 0830 to 1330, Monday-Friday, excluding the child's scheduled school days off.

7. Violators of the Curfew or Truancy Policy: Violators of the curfew or truancy policies may be detained and processed through 61 SFS and released to the minor's parent or guardian. In the event the parent or guardian cannot be contacted in a reasonable time, the minor will be turned over to the appropriate commander, director, or first sergeant. If the minor has no military affiliation, 61 SFS will turn the minor over to the local authorities.

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