

§ 634.28 Traffic accident investigation.

Installation law enforcement personnel must make detailed investigations of accidents described below:

(a) Accidents involving Government vehicles or Government property on the installation involving a fatality, personal injury, or estimated property damage in the amount established by separate Service/DLA policy. (Minimum damage limits are: Army and Air Force, \$1,000; Navy and Marine Corps, \$500.) The installation motor pool will provide current estimates of the cost of repairs. Investigations of off-installation accidents involving Government vehicles will be made in cooperation with the civilian law enforcement agency.

(b) POV accidents on the installation involving a fatality, personal injury, or estimated property damage to a POV in excess of \$1,000 or the amount established by Service/DLA policy.

§ 634.29 Traffic accident investigation reports.

(a) *Accidents requiring immediate reports.* The driver or owner of any vehicle involved in an accident, as described in § 634.28, on the installation, must immediately notify the installation law enforcement office. The operator of any Government vehicle involved in a similar accident off the installation must immediately notify the local civilian law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, as well as law enforcement personnel of the nearest military installation.

(b) *Investigation records.* Installation law enforcement officials will record traffic accident investigations on Service/DLA forms. Information will be released according to Service/DLA policy, the Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act.

(c) *Army law enforcement officers.* These officers provide the local Safety Office copies of traffic accident investigation reports pertaining to accidents investigated by military police that resulted in a fatality, personal injury, or estimated damage to Government vehicles or property in excess of \$1,000.

(d) *POV accidents not addressed in § 634.28.* Guidance for reporting these cases is provided below:

(1) Drivers or owners of POVs will be required to submit a written report to the installation law enforcement office within 72 hours of an accident in the following cases:

(i) The accident occurs on the installation.

(ii) The accident involves no personal injury.

(iii) The accident involves only minor damage to the POV and the vehicle can be safely and normally driven from the scene.

(2) Information in the written report cannot be used in criminal proceedings against the person submitting it. Within the United States, the installation law enforcement official may require such reporting on Service forms or forms of the State jurisdiction.

(3) Reports required in paragraph (d)(1) of this section will include the following about the accident:

(i) Location, date, and time.

(ii) Identification of all drivers, pedestrians, and passengers involved.

(iii) Identification of vehicles involved.

(iv) Speed and direction of travel of each vehicle involved, including a sketch of the collision and roadway with street names and north arrow.

(v) Property damage involved.

(vi) Environmental conditions at the time of the incident (weather, visibility, road surface condition, and other factors).

(vii) Narrative description of the events and circumstances concerning the accident.

§ 634.30 Traffic accident investigation report data.

(a) Data derived from traffic accident investigation reports and from vehicle owner accident reports will be analyzed to determine probable causes of accidents. When frequent accidents occur at a location, the conditions at the location and the types of accidents (collision diagram) will be examined.

(b) Law enforcement personnel and others who prepare traffic accident investigation reports will indicate whether or not seat restraint devices were being used at the time of the accident.

(c) When accidents warrant, an installation commander may establish a