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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Arming Title 32 National Guard Members with Government-Issued Weapons

1. References:

- a. Article 5 §3 and Article 16, Constitution of the State of Arizona
- b. Executive Order 2015-07, dated 22 July 2015
- c. Title 26, Arizona Revised Statutes

2. Purpose: This policy serves as implementation of Executive Order 2015-07 and its purpose to allow service members to protect themselves and others with government issued weapons.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to Soldiers and Airmen of the Arizona National Guard (AZNG) in a Title 32 or State Active Duty status as well as Title 32 dual-status federal technicians. This policy only applies to government issued weapons. AZNG personnel shall not carry personally owned weapons when carrying a government issued weapon.

4. Policy:

A. It shall be DEMA/AZNG policy to authorize the arming of specifically identified AZNG personnel. The authority to arm shall be at the Land and Air Component Command Level. This authority cannot be further delegated. The minimum requirements to arm service members of the AZNG are the following:


1. Department of Public Safety background check pursuant to A.R.S. §13-3112, and
2. Approved AZNG training course, and
3. Qualified on the issued weapon, and
4. Completion of Rules of the Use of Force training.

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B) There are only three instances when an individual carrying a government issued pistol pursuant to this policy may remove the pistol from its holster while in uniform or while on an AZNG facility:

1. To properly clear the weapon for a legitimate purpose;
  2. To temporarily surrender the weapon at the direction of law enforcement, AZNG security forces, or the chain-of-command; or
  3. To use the weapon in response to a reasonable belief that deadly physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself/herself or others against another's use or attempted use of unlawful deadly physical force.
5. This policy is punitive. Violations of this policy may be punishable pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-1092, Technician Personnel Regulation (TPR) 752, and/or through administrative procedures.



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