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MEMORANDUM FOR All Unit Commanders Maine Army National Guard

SUBJECT: Ammunition Amnesty Program

1. This policy supersedes TAG 16-06, dated 20 June 2016, subject as above. This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.
2. Nationwide, several incidents occur annually where Soldiers or former Soldiers are found to be in possession of contraband ammunition. Most of these cases involve ammunition issued for training, not expended, and subsequently removed from the training site. These incidents are the result of a breakdown in the chain of responsibility to account for ammunition, and a failure to ensure that ammunition of all types is turned in prior to departing the training site. These actions or inactions jeopardize the safety of other Soldiers, perhaps even civilian personnel and property, and create a potential for disaster. Too many of our Soldiers fail to recognize the dangers inherent in transporting and storing hazardous materials.
3. An ammunition amnesty process will be established by both unit commanders and the USPFO Warehouse to accept any turn-in of ammunition IAW paragraphs 4 and 5 respectively. The intent of the amnesty program is to provide a no-fault environment for those individuals who inadvertently remove ammunition from the training site.
4. Commanders will establish an amnesty program to gain control of any ammunition which may have been removed from training sites, to provide all unit members with the opportunity to return ammunition without penalty, and will include:
  - a. Semi-annual briefings reminding all troops of the amnesty program and procedures for turn-in of ammunition.
  - b. Posting of the location and telephone number of the turn-in point for ammunition returned under the amnesty program. The unit supply room and full-time supply personnel are appropriate but not directed.
  - c. The establishment of an atmosphere that encourages the use of the amnesty program and does not intimidate the Soldiers or prevent them from freely turning in ammunition.

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d. Coordination with higher headquarters in the chain-of-command for turn-in of all ammunition collected under the amnesty program.

e. Ensuring that the amnesty program is not used as a substitute to bypass established turn-in procedures.

5. An amnesty program has been established in the USPFO Warehouse to also gain control of loose ammunition, regardless of whether it has been removed from the training site, or discovered after a turn-in transaction has been completed. The TAG amnesty program is not intended as an easy way for units to bypass established turn-in procedures but is oriented toward gaining control of small quantities of loose ammunition in the possession of individuals. Warehouse personnel will make every effort to establish an atmosphere that does not intimidate the Soldier or civilian from freely turning in ammunition.

6. Point of contact for this policy is CW5 Scott F. LaCroix, Command Property Accounting Officer, (207) 430-5640, DSN 626-5640 or [scott.f.lacroix.mil@army.mil](mailto:scott.f.lacroix.mil@army.mil).



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