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TRARON EIGHT SIX INSTRUCTION 3120.1B

From: Commanding Officer, Training Squadron EIGHT SIX

Subj: COMMAND FREE RIDE PROGRAM ("TIPSY TAXI")

1. Purpose. To provide Command Free Ride Program procedures within Training Squadron.

2. Cancellation. TRARONEIGHTYSIXINST 3120.1A

3. Action. To help prevent driving under the influence (DUI) within the command, the following Free Ride Program is in effect.

4. Information

a. Driving under the influence of alcohol is perhaps the easiest and most likely action to result in the loss of one's career. It demonstrates poor headwork and lack of concern for others on the road. The unfortunate record of lives lost due to drunken driving is a long and sad one.

b. Responsible recreational use of alcohol is possible by all-hands as long as a sound gameplan is utilized. If drinking out in town, appoint a designated driver to remain free of alcohol to maintain good order.

c. It is understood that on occasion a member may find that they are beyond the limits of responsible driving. In order to help the member, the command has instituted a "Free Ride" or "Tipsy Taxi" program.

d. All hands shall be issued a Tipsy Taxi card that, when accompanied with a military ID card, can be tendered in lieu of cash to a participating taxi company in exchange for a ride to the member's home. It is not intended to be used for travel to another social destination, such as another drinking establishment.

e. Because VT-86 recognizes that participating taxi companies are providing a service to the military community, the command will ensure that the taxi company receives full reimbursement of the fare plus a 25% tip within 72 hours of notification. The monies involved may initially come from a command representative to be eventually repaid by the member who used the service.

f. In order to get reimbursed, the taxi company should call the Squadron Duty Office at (850) 452-4168 and supply the company name, point of contact, unique card number and cost of fare. The Duty Officer will then contact the Ground Safety Officer with the same information for purposes of reimbursement.

g. All hands shall be issued a Topsy Taxi card to be retained during their tenure at VT-86 and returned upon their detachment from the command.

h. The card shall contain the following information: Squadron Duty Office Phone (850) 452-4168, VT-86 toll-free phone 1-888-762-9837, as well as the phone number of participating taxi companies. Since participating companies may change over time, a list of active companies shall be maintained by the Ground Safety Officer. A copy shall be placed at the duty desk for reference by the SDO if necessary. Each card will also contain a unique serial number in order to determine to whom the card was assigned.


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