

# Fort Devens Range Complex Facility 9

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## Convoy Course

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## Standard Operating Procedures

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## MEMORANDUM FOR PERSONNEL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Standard Operating Procedures for the Convoy Course, Facility 9

1. PURPOSE: To establish a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to be used during various aspects of convoy operations on Facility 9, Convoy Course.

2. APPLICABILITY: This SOP applies to all units using the Facility 9. All Officers in Charge (OIC) and Non-Commission Officers in Charge (NCOIC) will be familiar with the contents of this SOP and all other applicable references.

3. REFERENCES:

a. FM 4-01.45 Tactical Convoy Operations.

b. FM 55-30, Army Motor Transport Units and Operations

4. SCHEDULING: Each unit will schedule the Convoy Course through the Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS) no later than 30 days in advance. Requires a co-use agreements with other units using the training areas. DA Form 7566, Composite Risk Management Worksheet will be submitted the day of Training Event to Range Operations. The compass course answer key will be given to the OIC/NCOIC the day of the training event.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a. The convoy course is located in training area 6A, off Ponakin Road, at BH81210673. The course is approximately 1.2 miles and is **not** a live fire course. Blanks and Pyrotechnics are authorized on the course.

b. All range fires will be reported to the Range Control IAW FD REG 350-3.

6. GENERAL: Convoy Course (See Overlay Attachment 1)

a. Convoy Course consists of :

(1) Start Point - Assembly Area (AA) located at BH 81220667

(2) End Point – Tactical Assembly Area (TAA) located at BH81280559.

(3) The entire route is known as Military Supply Route Red (MSR Red).

(4) The maximum speed limit is 15 mph on gravel or improved hard-packed

roads; and 5 mph on trails and in training areas.

b. All convoys will be planned IAW FM 55-30 Chapter 5.

c. Soldiers will be properly trained and licensed on the equipment they are operating.

d. The training unit must have a well coordinated and synchronized OPFOR plan to ensure everyone's safety.

7. NIGHT OPERATIONS: Unit commanders are responsible for identifying in writing that all personnel operating vehicles and or equipment to include the vehicle commanders are fully trained and qualified using night vision devices. All night convoys are planned IAW FM 55-30 Chapter 5-7, Night Operations.

8. MEDICAL: Medical personnel and equipment on site will be IAW unit POI and risk management worksheet risk level for the training conducted. MEDVAC will be IAW FD Regulation 350-3. If medical evacuation is required, Range Control will call for an ambulance. If possible, the unit requiring an ambulance will have an escort vehicle at Range Control to meet the ambulance. If an escort is not possible, a guide will meet the ambulance on the nearest main road closest to the accident site. The unit will complete DA Form 285 and turn in a copy to Range Control prior to clearing the facility and send a copy to the installation Safety Officer IAW DA Pamphlet 385-40.

9. COMMUNICATIONS: The OIC/NCOIC will be issued a hand held radio and required to maintain communication with range control. A radio check is required hourly.

10. Point of contact this Standard Operating Procedure is the Range Staff. All recommended changes will be submitted in writing to the range officer for review and implementation.

Attachment  
Convoy Overlay

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# Convoy Course Overlay

