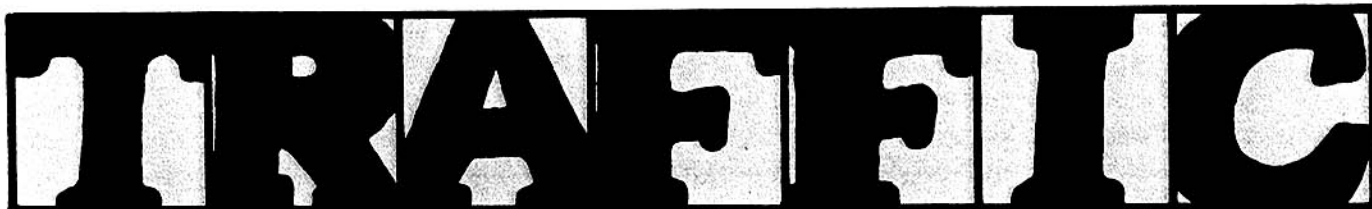


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Introduction

This manual presents current Military Police doctrine for traffic operations in garrison and combat environments. The expertise developed through proper performance of installation traffic operations will provide a sound base for undertaking combat traffic operations. On the modern, highly mobile battlefield, with day and night operations, demands for proper traffic control will be imperative. Unless personnel and materiel can be moved forward, laterally, and retrograde, and lines of communication are kept responsive, combined arms teams will not be successful on the battlefield.

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Objectives And Responsibilities

The objective of military traffic control is to attain **maximum flow with minimum control and direction.**

The following functions are essential to attaining this objective:

- Engineering
- Education
- Law
- Planning
- Enforcement

The **provost marshal** has the following responsibilities:

- Prepare plans, policies and procedures for traffic control.
- Prepare the traffic control plan.
- Coordinate traffic control activities with other headquarters, staff offices and civil authorities.

- Provide timely information to commanders about MP assistance they may expect during road movements.
- Implement plans and policies concerning traffic accident investigation and prevention.
- Implement traffic control studies and surveys.
- Implement necessary traffic enforcement programs.
- Assist in implementing traffic education/safety programs.
- Provide a permanent representative to the highway traffic headquarters in the theater of operations.
- Supervise circulation control activities in a tactical environment.

The **role of the Military Police** in traffic control operations is to:

- Enforce traffic laws, regulations and orders.

- Recommend type and location of traffic control devices.
- Assist in accident prevention and vehicle safety programs.
- Investigate and report traffic accidents.
- Operate traffic control points (on the installation) and circulation control points (in the theater of operations).
- Report information concerning traffic and road

usage, progress of movements; perform hasty route reconnaissance; and relay any information of intelligence value.

- Be prepared to implement alternate or temporary routes for traffic.
- Actively participate in rear area protection and disaster control operations.
- Perform traffic escort and convoy escort duties.
- Perform other duties involving security, law enforcement and crime prevention.