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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #9 Personal Locator Beacon Usage

1. Purpose. The purpose of this document is to provide the procedures, guidelines and restrictions relating to the use of Personal Locator Beacons for official Government use by USASATMO personnel. This SOP establishes controls and verifies responsibilities and procedures for Personal Locator Beacon management.

2. Scope and Applicability. The scope of this document is to inform employees that Government Personal Locator Beacons are provided for official use and authorized purposes only.

3. Responsibilities. Each USASATMO employee is responsible for the proper care, handling, use and protection of Government property that is issued to or assigned for the employee's use, at or away from the office or station. User responsibility includes the following:

- a. Ensure that the Personal Locator Beacon is only used, in an extreme emergency, where loss of life, limb, or eyesight is possible.
- b. Personal Locator Beacons will be taken by all SAT Managers on all overseas SAT Missions.
- c. Personal Locator Beacon is intended to be used with another piece of communications equipment able to authenticate and validate the emergency situation. The blackberry issued by USASATMO is your authentication and validation system. Utilize the phone numbers, preprogrammed into your Blackberry as the method to authenticate and validate your emergency situation with the applicable Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC). Example: CENTCOM JPRC number preprogrammed into memory of phone.
- d. If you activate the beacon, Primary and Alternate Beacon Managers will treat any report of activation of system as an actual emergency.
- e. Damage, loss, or theft of a Personal Locator Beacon must be reported immediately or as soon as detected. The Personal Locator Beacons are not sensitive items, but they are controlled.
- f. If you are at risk of imminent capture, activate your beacon and hide it from your potential captors.
- g. Personnel will be required to sign a DA 2062 for Personal Locator Beacon.
- h. Personal Locator Beacon will be inventoried monthly by the Primary Beacon Manager.

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4. Point of Contact for this memorandum as the Primary Beacon Manager, MAJ Matt McKee at commercial 910-907-1558 or e-mail matthew.j.mckee@us.army.mil.

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