



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON FORT HUNTER LIGGETT  
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MEMORANDUM FOR USAG FHL Soldiers, Civilians, and Tenant Organizations

SUBJECT: FHL Policy #35, Suicide Prevention

1. REFERENCE:

- a. DoD Directive 6200.4, Force Health Protection, 9 October 2004.
- b. AR 600-63 Army Health Promotion, 7 May 2007.
- c. Army Campaign Plan For Health Promotion, Annex D, 16 April 2009.
- d. USACHPPM Directorate of Health Promotion and Wellness, Suicide Prevention training resources <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Readiness/suicide.aspx>.

2. PURPOSE: To provide guidance to Soldiers, civilians and tenant organizations on suicide prevention.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all United States Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Parks Soldiers, civilians, and tenant organizations assigned to and or under the operational control of USAG FHL.

4. POLICY: Each suicide that occurs within the U.S. military is a tragic event; even one is too many. The military services have vigorous suicide prevention programs designed to protect our service members and their families. All leaders must remove the stigma attached to seeking help and strongly promote and reward these positive behaviors in their Soldiers. Suicide is an irreversible decision that tragically affects the individual's family, friends, associates and unit. This tragic and traumatic loss disrupts unit cohesion and weakens unit morale. It is everyone's responsibility to recognize and respond to suicidal behavior.

5. PROCEDURES:

- a. All Commanders and any Directorates with direct or indirect contact with Soldiers are responsible for ensuring that suicide prevention training is conducted and reported to the Director of Human Resources (DHR) and Religious Support Office (RSO) at the end of each month. Every tenant unit and directorate must be trained on "Shoulder to Shoulder training phase II". Commanders and Directorates shall rely on their assigned "Train-the-Trainer" representative for suicide prevention training, who will take full advantage of emergent approaches to suicide prevention and training such as the Army ACE (Ask your buddy, Care for

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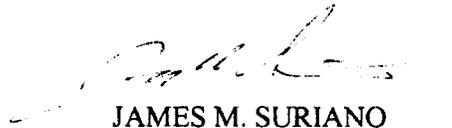
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your buddy, Escort your buddy) intervention program and any other Army approved suicide program.

b. Directors who have yet to designate a "Train-the-Trainer" representative shall arrange training through the Chaplain's office and direct that trained representative to conduct "Shoulder to Shoulder Phase II" training with their employee workforce. Special Staffs with limited personnel will coordinate with the larger directorates to ensure the suicide prevention training requirement is met. This training is mandated due to either direct or indirect contact of Soldiers by all Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Parks employees.

c. Effective immediately, 100% of newly assigned FHL and Camp Parks Soldiers and civilian employees will receive suicide prevention training.

6. PROPONENT: The DHR for reporting and RSO for training and oversight of this policy. Phone (831) 386-2810/ 2808/2609.



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