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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ASSIGNED/ATTACHED PERSONNEL, US ARMY
SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY, FORT BLISS, TX 79918

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum # 29, **Suicide Prevention**

1. Suicide is a tragic event which causes great pain and sorrow for friends, family, loved ones and concern within the Army Leadership. Leaders at all levels must remain sensitive to the needs of Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees, sensitize their subordinates and initiate preventive measures to avoid loss of lives within the Army Family. Leaders should create a trusting environment where Soldiers and civilian employees will feel that it is okay to ask leaders for help.
2. Take threats and innuendos seriously and trust your instincts. If a person is exhibiting or articulating any suicidal ideations, do not leave them alone and seek professional assistance. If the individual is an active duty Soldier and an incident occurs during duty hours seek assistance through the Unit Ministry Team, Behavioral Health located in Building 2954, or the 11th floor of William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC). For civilian employees, during duty hours, seek assistance from the WBAMC Emergency Room (ER) and then the supervisor contacts the Employee Assistance Program Coordinator located in Building A-433 or 744-1415/1416. After duty hours, escort the Soldier, Family member or DA Civilian to the military treatment facility (MTF) or civilian ER if not able to use the MTF.
3. Suicide Prevention and ACE (Act, Care, Escort) are command programs. Leaders will conduct training on Suicide Prevention and Awareness on an annual basis.
4. Point of contact for this memorandum is 915-744-2270.

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