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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy Letter #35: Child Supervision

1. Applicability. This policy applies to all military and civilian residents at Family Housing and Greenland Mobile Home Park.

2. Proponent. Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

3. Reference. Fairfax County Child Supervision Guidelines.

4. Policy.

a. Virginia state statutes does not set a specific age after which a child legally can stay alone. Age alone is not a very good indicator of a child's maturity level.

b. Children birth-7 years old will not be left alone for any period of time. This includes leaving children unattended in cars, playgrounds, in your home, or in your yard.

c. Youth 8-10 years old may be left alone, adult-monitored, during daylight and early evening hours for occasional, short periods of time – up to one and one-half (1½) hours – but not on a regular, self-care basis, such as before and after school every day.

d. Youth 11-12 years old may be left in self-care that is adult-monitored for up to three (3) hours but not at night.

e. Youth 13-15 years old may be left in self-care that is adult-monitored, but not overnight.

f. Youth 16-17 years old may be left in self-care that is adult-monitored for up to two (2) consecutive overnight periods.

g. Adult-monitored is defined as meeting the following conditions:

(1) Youth and parent/caretaker have communicated on house rules and guidelines for acceptable behavior.

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(2) Youth and parent/caretaker have communicated on safety/emergency plans, and youth is aware of what to do in case of emergency.

(3) Youth in self-care has knowledge of how to access parent or other responsible adult at all times (including knowing the parent/caretaker's whereabouts and having a telephone number where parent can be reached).

5. Point of contact for this action is Ms. Linda Wax, Housing Manager, Directorate of Public Works, 804-633-8445.



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