



# HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES FORCES KOREA

UNIT #15237  
APO AP 96205-5237

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

FKJ34-FP

25 May 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USFK Command Policy # 6, Buddy System

1. This policy supersedes the previous US Forces Korea (USFK) policy letter on the Buddy System Policy, dated 6 Aug 06, effectively immediately. This policy remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.
2. This policy applies to all USFK military members, DoD civilian employees, USFK invited contractors and technical representatives, and all USFK dependents.
3. Force protection and the safety of all USFK personnel are paramount. The Global War on Terror and potential antagonism by personnel opposed to the United States require that all personnel be vigilant at all times.
4. I strongly encourage all personnel, whenever off a military installation in the ROK, to be accompanied by at least one other individual. Currently, compliance with this policy is highly encouraged, but not mandatory. However, during periods of heightened tension or levels of increased threat, a General Order may be issued that would make the Buddy System mandatory.
5. Although personnel safety is always an individual responsibility, commanders will ensure that all personnel understand the Buddy System Policy. Commanders, O-5 and above, have the authority to impose further restrictions upon service members as deemed necessary and in accordance with appropriate directives and regulations. Authority to waive or otherwise modify this policy is not further delegated.
6. Questions concerning this policy should be directed to USFK J34, Antiterrorism/Force Protection Division, 723-9065 ([J34.Admin@korea.army.mil](mailto:J34.Admin@korea.army.mil)).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. B. Bell".

B. B. BELL  
General, US Army  
Commander

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