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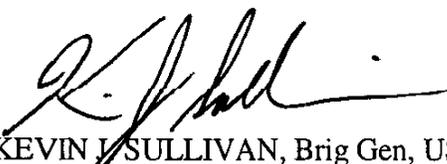
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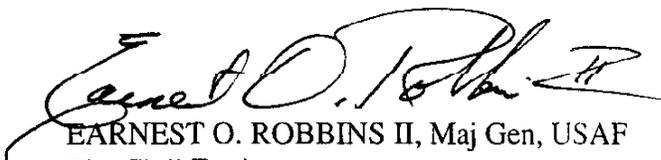
SUBJECT: Training and Licensing Procedures for Dump Truck Tailgate Removal/Installation

During the early days of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, we lost an Air Force civil engineer when he was killed in a tragic safety mishap while removing a dump truck tailgate. To prevent this tragedy from recurring, we are institutionalizing training on tailgate removal and installation and also taking steps to ensure compliance with this training and proper job practices.

HQ AETC is incorporating formal training on the proper procedures into the Pavements and Equipment (P&E) Operators initial skills course for all new P&E personnel. Also, AETC is adding dump truck tailgate removal and installation procedures to the P&E 5-level Career Development Course (CDC) and the paper-based Air Force Qualification and Training Package (AFQTP). HQ AFCESA is expanding the video accompanying the AFQTP to include the procedure. To ensure we properly train and qualify everyone who operates dump trucks, we are requiring qualification training for everyone holding or seeking a license to operate a dump truck. The qualification training includes a PowerPoint presentation, a Certification and Testing Program (CerTest) test, and hands-on training. Use the AF Form 483, Certificate of Competency, to ensure compliance with the training and CerTest. The host base Vehicle Operations Flight will not issue or make changes to an individual's AF Form 2293, U.S. Air Force Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card or AF Form 2296, Vehicle Operations Information (Part 3) regarding Dump Truck qualification without the individual presenting the completed AF Form 483. HQ AFCESA is developing the training material now and will send a message to the field with a web site address and downloading instructions when it is available in early Jun 02. With efficient scheduling, all our CE and Transportation licensed dump truck operators should be trained, tested, and certified by 30 Sep 02.

We cannot afford to lose the life of another Air Force member because they either didn't know how to perform this task or failed to comply with the proper procedures. We appreciate your cooperation and rapid implementation.

  
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