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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503-5000

REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill (USAFCoEFS) Travel Restrictions to Mexico

1. Reference: Message, HQ USARNORTH, 041600ZAPR12, Subject: USARNORTH Force Protection Directive 12-009 (Mexico Travel Prohibitions).
2. Due to continuing and worsening violence along the U.S. Mexico border the following States in Mexico are off-limits to Soldiers assigned to USAFCoEFS effective immediately and until further notice. This travel directive applies to all Army active duty, Army Reserve component personnel and Army National Guard and Army Air National Guard personnel in Title 10 status. It also applies to DA civilians, DA dependents and DA contractors (as long as it does not violate any terms of the contract) when traveling in an official capacity. DA civilians, DA dependents and DA contractors traveling for non-official purposes are urged to abide by all travel prohibitions and policies.
 - a. Off-limits States: Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Guerrero, Michoacan, Nuevo Leon, Sinaloa, Tamaulipas Sanora, Jalisco, Zacatecas and San Luis Potosi.
 - b. USARNORTH considers the states of Baja California Nord, Aguascalientes, Colima, Guerrero, Nayarit, Veracruz, and Morelos as states of concern. Even though these states are not off-limits it is recommended that all non-official travel to these states be deferred until such time that the risk returns to an acceptable level.
3. Brigade level Commanders (COL/0-6) may approve travel to and thru these areas on a case-by-case basis for Family and emergency or critical mission requirements. Official travel into the restricted areas will only be approved for critical mission requirements. Completed risk assessments and procedures IAW DOD Foreign Clearance Guide - Mexico, will be submitted for approval prior to travel to Mexico. Any Soldier traveling into Mexico (leave/pass or mission requirement) must have received Antiterrorism Level I training within one year of the date of travel and the date will be listed in the remarks section on the DA Form 31. Additionally, Soldiers will receive a Mexico travel specific briefing from a qualified Level II Antiterrorism Officer. A signed copy of this briefing will be submitted with the leave/pass request. Brigade Commanders cannot delegate this approval authority.
4. If your organization does not have a qualified Level II Antiterrorism Officer, contact the Installation Antiterrorism Office, DPTMS, at (580) 442-5973.
5. The CDRUSNORTHCOM has set the FPCON for Mexico as Bravo. FPCON BRAVO applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. Bravo measures for travelers are:
 - a. Traveler BRAVO 1: Cease wearing U.S. Military uniforms in non-secure areas.

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b. Traveler BRAVO 2: Do not travel with easily identifiable Military luggage (duffel bags, B-4 bags or organizational identification).

c. Traveler BRAVO 3: If practical follow the "buddy rule" for all movement.

d. Traveler BRAVO 4: Periodically exercise Anti-Terrorist contingency plans and drills.

e. Traveler BRAVO 5: Routinely check your vehicle(s) for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or tampering.

f. Traveler BRAVO 6: If practical, park your vehicle(s) in secure areas, not accessible to uncontrolled personnel.

g. Traveler BRAVO 7: Vary routines.

h. Traveler BRAVO 8: Conduct weekly telephone liaison with nearest Military installation, U.S. security agency/element and/or local security elements and home station.

i. Traveler BRAVO 9: Determine and avoid high-risk areas and be cautious of mingling with crowds.

6. This order does not affect travel to other areas of Mexico and Soldiers will follow the requirements of AR 600-8-10 and AR 525-13 accordingly. Soldiers will telephonically report to his/her unit/staff section prior to departure and on return from the restricted area for leaves or passes that are approved. The Soldier must also comply with the requirements of the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide. <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/FCG.CFM>.

7. For emergencies involving U.S. citizens traveling in Mexico, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate. The U.S. Embassy is located in Mexico City at Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, telephone from the United States: 011-52-55-5080-2000; telephone in Mexico City: 5080-2000; telephone long distance in Mexico 01-55-5080-2000. The Embassy can also be contacted via e-mail at : ACSMexicoCity@state.gov or <http://www.usembassy-mexico.gov/> . As a reminder to all US citizens, including Soldiers, effective 31 January 2008, all travelers must have either a passport or an original birth certificate and government issued photo ID to re-enter the United States.

8. Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). All travelers are strongly advised to enroll in this free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. Citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/IBRS/UI/>. STEP allows the traveler to enter information about the trip so the State Department can better assist in an emergency. Travelers will be able to receive travel advisories, warnings, and other information from the embassy or consulates.

9. This directive is punitive in nature and applies to all military personnel under my general court-martial jurisdiction; it constitutes a lawful general order. Military personnel who violate or fail to obey this order subject themselves to disciplinary action under Article 92, UCMJ.

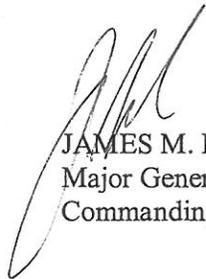
10. The memorandum will be placed on all unit bulletin boards and given the widest dissemination.

11. The Mexico travel restrictions outlined in this memorandum will remain in effect until further notice. This restriction will be re-evaluated periodically based on updated assessments by the Fort Sill

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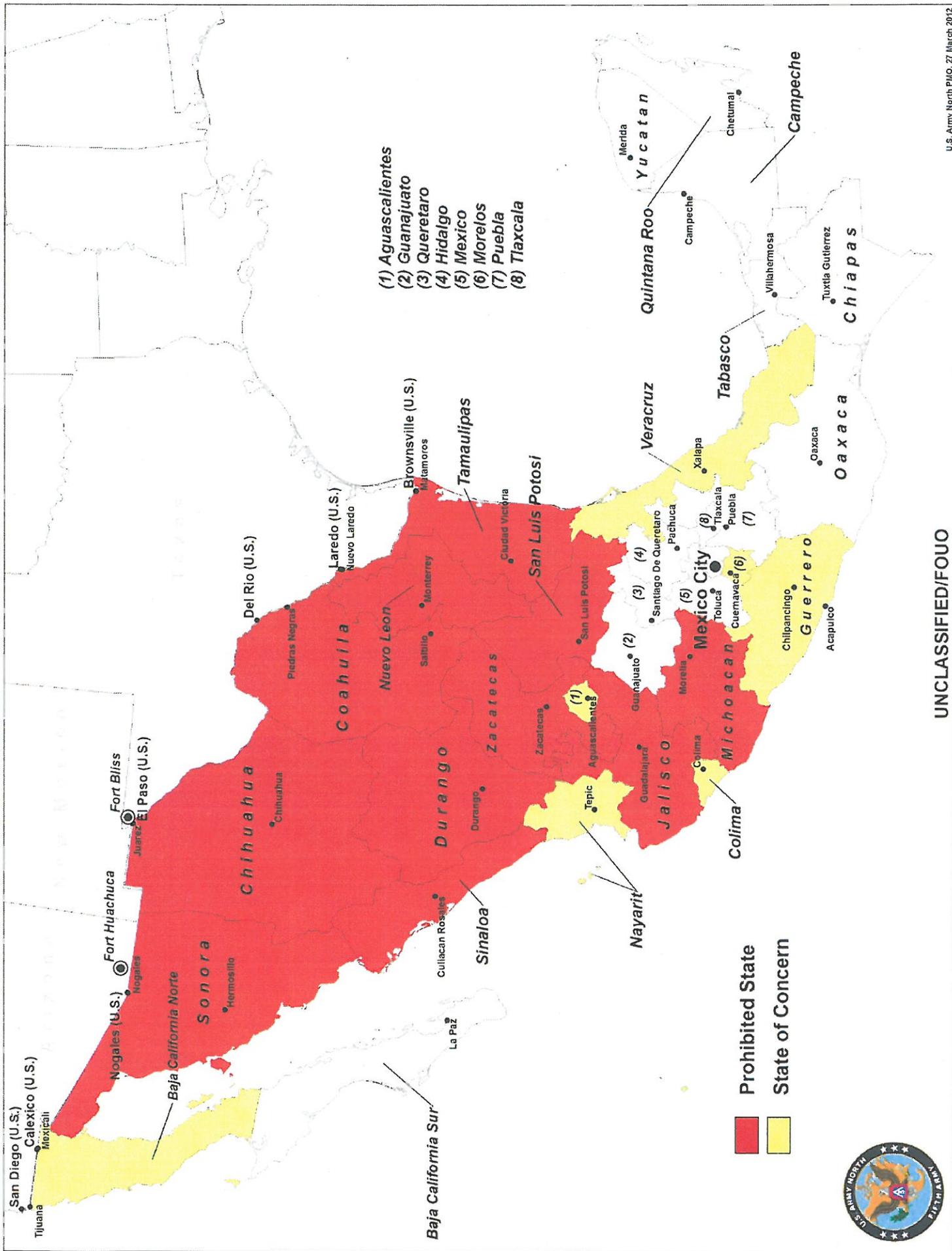
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