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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR Command Policy Letter 30, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings

1. Commanders will ensure that a critical incident stress debriefing (CISD) is provided to every person in their command who is involved in a critical incident. Critical incidents include but are not limited to traumatic events such as suicides, serious training accidents, natural disasters, and other situations that cause mutilation or death.
2. When a critical incident occurs involving members of the command, the commander's first-line resource for CISDs is the unit ministry team (UMT). Commanders therefore must ensure that their UMT is properly trained in CISDs. When an incident occurs, the commander will request a recommendation from the UMT on the extent of the CISD needed. Commanders of units assigned to V Corps should also contact the V Corps G3, who will then direct the V Corps Surgeon to respond.
3. When more resources are needed, the commander will contact the Crisis Action Team (CAT), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, HQ USAREUR/7A. The CAT will alert the liaison officer to the Office of the Command Surgeon (OCSURG), HQ USAREUR/7A. The OCSURG will then deploy critical incident stress management teams.
4. Those who need CISDs are normal people who have survived an abnormal event. The purpose of a CISD is not to provide therapy or counseling, but rather to reduce the long-term effects of trauma. When members of their unit experience a critical incident, commanders will take care of them by ensuring that they receive a CISD.


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