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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Reserve Bluetooth Policy

1. References:

    a. Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG), V-72765: SV-87403r1_rule; Bluetooth must be turned off unless approved by the organization.

    b. DISA STIG, V-72767: SV-87405r1_rule; Bluetooth must be turned off when not in use.

    c. DISA STIG, V-72769: SV-87407r1_rule; the system must notify the user when a Bluetooth device attempts to connect.

    d. United States Army Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 Cyber Directorate, Information Assurance Best Business Practice (IA BBP), 09-EC-M-0010, Wireless Security Standards, version 4.0, 26 June 2013.

2. Purpose: The policy establishes governance over Bluetooth capabilities on United States Army Reserve (USAR) managed networks (unclassified and classified).

3. Background: DISA STIGs and Army CIO/G-6 mandate that Bluetooth technologies must be turned off if not authorized for use by the organization.

4. Applicability: This policy applies to all USAR systems connected to USAR managed networks.

5. Policy: Effective immediately, Bluetooth technologies are expressly forbidden on USAR managed networks.

    a. Bluetooth must be disabled if the capability exists on the system.

    b. The solution must not allow the user to enable Bluetooth technology.

    c. Bluetooth, or similar wireless technology capable devices/peripherals (headphones, keyboard, mouse, stylus, etc.), are disallowed and must not be connected

to USAR managed networks or assets. Such devices are not permitted within USAR facilities.

6. Exceptions: The only exceptions to this policy are Bluetooth medical devices such as pacemakers, insulin pumps, etc.

7. Effective Date: This policy is effective upon signature and will remain in effect until revised or superseded.

8. The POC for this memorandum is Ms. Hilda Burgos, Deputy Chief, Data Systems and Applications, hilda.d.burgos.civ@mail.mil or (910) 570-8587.

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