

SECTION 11

PHYSICAL SECURITY

11-1. General.

a. Physical security is defined as the safeguarding by physical means of Government plans, programs, personnel, property, utilities, information, and installations against compromise, trespass, sabotage, pilferage, theft, larceny, embezzlement, fraud, arson, or any other dishonest or criminal act. The maintenance of a comprehensive and continuous physical security program is essential to the successful operation of USACE installations and activities.

b. This chapter considers the evaluation of an installation or facility with regard to all factors bearing upon accessibility and location and the element's importance to overall district operations and national interest. Also to be considered is the vulnerability of equipment, supplies, or information to loss through theft or willful damage.

11-2. Responsibility.

The resident engineer assumes responsibility for supervising adequate physical security within the resident office area of responsibility and is authorized to deal directly with the district on physical security matters. The resident engineer is also responsible for preventing and detecting criminal activities and physical security hazards and for eliminating physical security deficiencies at field operating agencies by issuing pertinent instructions and supervising the following:

- a. The movement, control, and identification of personnel.
- b. Prevention, investigation, and reporting of crimes.
- c. Traffic control on installations and projects and investigating traffic accidents.
- d. Orders and instructions applicable to the operations of physical security guards.
- e. Enforcement of laws, orders, and regulations pertinent to classified construction projects and activities.

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f. Establishment of interim measure for physical security such as the need for maximum, medium, or minimum security, consistent with the criticality to national security and construction schedules for security facilities, which are ascertained from district authorities.

11-3. **Reporting.**

a. The resident engineer reports all actual or suspected criminal activities within the resident office area of responsibility to the local civilian or military police agency. Additionally, the district is notified of such activity indicating that a report (ENG Form 4337, Offense/Incident Report) was made to the appropriate policy agency.

b. Incidents to be recorded are offenses or suspected offenses or murder, voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, sex crimes, aggravated assault, arson, larceny, robbery, burglary, use and possession of narcotics and dangerous drugs, destruction of property, disorderly conduct, violation of physical security (i.e., sabotage, espionage, subversive points such as electric power supply, transformer installation, electric power transmission, communication centers and equipment, valves and regulators, water tanks and equipment), fire, accidents (water and vehicle), or other dishonest or criminal acts committed by or against any individual under the administrative jurisdiction of the district. Also included are losses of Government or private property and the recovery of any property previously reported lost, stolen, or destroyed.

c. The resident engineer immediately reports to the district any serious incident or larceny of property with value of more than \$100 and destruction of property with value of more than \$300. The report includes the following:

(1) Nature of the incident, date, and place.

(2) If the incident involved a loss to the Government through theft or destruction, the estimated amount.

(3) Summary of known facts including the names and addresses of witnesses or persons having knowledge of the incident.

(4) The name of the offender, victim, and apprehending agency, if known.

d. Minor personal injuries, such as a person injured by falling, cutting fingers on paper, dust in the eye, or bumping into a door are not reported unless medical treatment is required and work time is lost. All motor vehicles accidents and resulting injuries, as well as injuries sustained as a result of fire or coincident to a committed crime, are reported. Water accidents involving tow boats, floating plant, etc., need not be reported unless they affect physical security, such as damage to a perimeter, electric power, communications, or the like.

e. The foregoing guidance requires prompt submission of normal incident reports. Any incident which might create adverse publicity (including actions of fraud, bribery, malfeasance, or conflicts of interest) is immediately reported to the district commander upon discovery or upon receipt of a complaint or allegation of such offense. Reporting of an incident is not delayed for any reason. (See AR 190-40, Serious Incident Report, and HQUSACE supplements to AR 190 series.) Should incidents involve issues of alleged discrimination, the district EEO officer must be informed immediately.

f. Reporting the incident does not necessarily close the incident. Additional facts should be reported as they develop.

g. All incidents will be investigated by the district or other qualified military police personnel. The resident engineer is not required to make an investigation except in those incidents where criminality is not an issue.

11-4. Physical Security Assistance.

a. Trained military police officers assigned to USACE are available to assist the resident engineer in all phases of the physical security program. This assistance may be requested through established channels for physical security and crime prevention surveys, or through consultations on unusual security conditions, and for criminal investigations.

b. Where construction sites or facilities are located within a military reservation, assistance for physical security and security support may be rendered by other authorities. Coordination should be made with the military installation provost marshal or chief law enforcement officer to determine the extent of support to be rendered the resident engineer and to clarify actions in resolving differences incident to security matters.