



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL COMMAND
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18 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Dental Command Personnel

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM) Policy Letter 04-09,
Forensic Dentistry

1. SCOPE: This policy applies to all DENCOM facilities and all personnel assigned to or working in those facilities.

2. POLICY: Each dental activity (DENTAC) will appoint, on orders, an officer to serve as Forensic Dental Officer (FDO) for the geographic area supported by the DENTAC. The FDO should be the individual who has the most training and experience in forensic dentistry. If possible, he/she should have completed the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology short course in forensic dentistry or other equivalent training. DENTAC's with an assigned oral pathologist should appoint the oral pathologist as the FDO. Upon appointment of a new FDO, the DENTAC Commander will submit the name of that officer to the Regional Dental Command (RDC) Commander who will maintain an accurate roster within his or her region. The RDC Commander will appoint one of the DENTAC FDOs to serve in a dual role as the RDC FDO. Responsibilities of each DENTAC FDO include:

a. Serve as the responsible officer and primary point of contact for planning, organizing, and executing forensic dentistry support within the DENTAC's geographic area of responsibility.

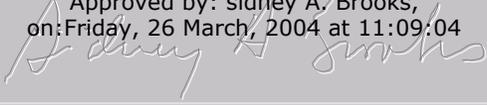
b. Maintain necessary supplies and equipment to facilitate rapid response to requirements for forensic dentistry support.

c. Maintain a roster of officers assigned to the DENTAC who have had training or experience in forensic dentistry. These individuals will serve as a pool of officers to form a team for forensic dentistry support within the DENTAC's geographic area of responsibility.

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d. Provide an after action report following each forensic dental identification operation through the chain of command to the Forensic Dentistry Consultant. Each report should include the name and rank of all dental officers and enlisted personnel who participate in the operation.

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