

# Escorting Public Funds



**P**roper security during fund escort procedures is of utmost importance. Military police must provide the best security and protection possible when escorting funds. This includes the safety of the person being escorted.

## K-1 Security Measures

### a. Avoid Patterns.

Avoid escorting at the same time.

- Refrain from using the same route.
- Vary direction of approach to pickup and delivery points.
- Avoid use of same entrance/exit to building for pickup and delivery.

### b. Security Sweeps.

- (1) A security sweep must be made of the area for suspicious personnel, vehicles, or actions prior to picking up courier.
- (2) Where possible, another MP security vehicle should sweep the area prior to arrival of the security escort vehicle.
- (3) Check of delivery point by another security patrol prior to arrival of the escort vehicle for suspicious personnel, vehicles, or activities is necessary.
- (4) When it is not feasible to use the second security vehicle to sweep the destination point, then the escort vehicle should conduct a sweep of the area prior to delivery.

## K-2 Escorts

### a. Vehicle Escorts (figure K-1).

- (1) Two vehicles should be used for security during the escort of funds.
- (2) One vehicle will contain the courier, funds, and an armed MP escort.
- (3) The security escort vehicle will be an armed MP vehicle.
- (4) MP security personnel will be trained in escort procedures to include being knowledgeable of the predesignated routes.
- (5) Vehicle 1 conducts the initial security sweep of route and receiving point while enroute to deposit the payload. Mission permitting, vehicle 1 should cruise the area or establish static surveillance near the deposit facility (bank, etc.) until vehicle 2 has accomplished its mission.

### b. Communications.

- (1) Security procedures will be established to insure constant communication between escorted vehicle(s) and the MP station.
- (2) Establishment of radio security check-

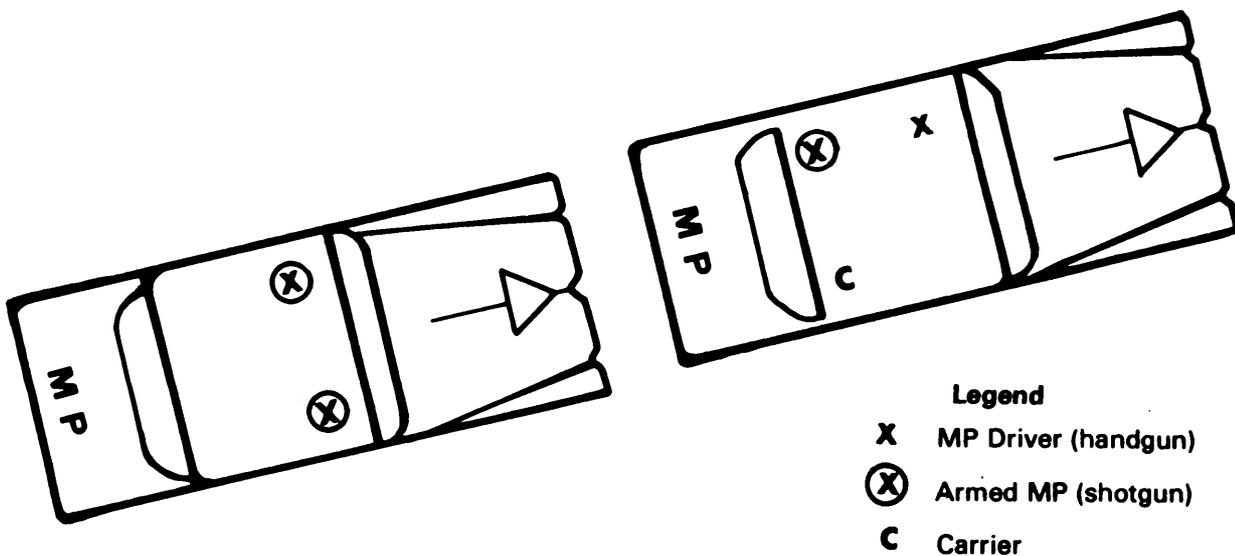


Figure K-1—Placement of occupants in escort vehicles.

points for position identification during movement is essential. Escort status should be relayed to the MP station upon reaching each checkpoint.

(3) Procedures for duress must be established while in a mobile posture and while on foot from patrol vehicle to the depository. As an example of a duress code, the Julian date on the calendar could be used as well as the remaining days of the calendar year.

(4) All escort personnel must have portable radio communications capability while separated from the escort vehicle.

### **K-3 Protective Actions**

#### **a. Protective Cover.**

(1) Preselected safety positions should be identified to use if a robbery is attempted.

(2) The motor vehicle, if properly positioned, will provide adequate cover during small arms fire.

(3) A member of the escort team will provide cover of pickup and delivery points from a nearby safe position.

(4) Escort team members will not, except in emergencies, be in possession of fired containers.

#### **b. Response Plan.**

- The plan must be designed for responding to holdups, and the military police performing fund security must be briefed on the plan.
- It should provide procedures for cordoning potential holdup areas.
- The response plan should allow for installation closing in case of holdups.

#### **c. Coordination.**

Ž Coordinating the pickup and delivery time of courier personnel will reduce complacency.

Ž Coordinate with the fund facility manager to obtain the name, information, and pictures of courier personnel to assist identification and to expedite escort procedures at pickup points.

Ž Request employees working at the pickup and delivery points to observe escort arrivals and departures while maintaining telephonic contact with the MP station.

Ž Brief courier personnel to possible courses of actions in case of a holdup while on foot, or positioned in vehicle.

- Positive identification of escort personnel to courier must be made prior to arrival and by courier upon arrival.

Ž Consolidation of fund escort schedules should be accomplished to the maximum extent possible.

- In oversea areas, coordinate with local national police in reference to nation-to-nation agreements on escorts, use of firearms, and carrying of weapons.

#### **d. Backup Response Forces.**

(1) Readily available, armed, and equipped.

(2) Trained in small unit tactics.

#### **e. Compliance.**

- AR 190-28.

- Traffic regulations.

- Instructions by civil police escorts while off post, providing there is violation of federal law, or lessening the protection of funds.

- Emergency equipment procedural use.

**f. Training** should include the following:

(1) Threat potential.

(2) Use of force.

(3) Small unit tactics.

(4) Limited crisis intervention counseling.

(5) Escort procedures.

(6) Weapons firing.

- (7) limited, low-speed pursuit operations.
- (8) Advanced driver training techniques (TC 19-17).
- (9) After-action reports of previous hold-ups on military installations in various geographical locations.

**Note:** Funds of less than \$500 should be escorted by the responsible fund activity, depending upon the threat posture. All funds involving post exchange, commissaries, clubs, etc., will be escorted by an MP armed guard.