

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Commanding Officers

FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: DEACTIVATION OF THE AIR SUPPORT DIVISION FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED, FLIR 380 HD, LASER SYSTEMS

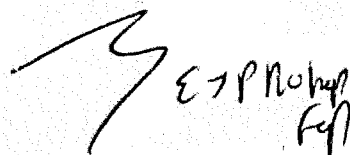
The purpose of this Notice is to clarify the deactivation of the Air Support Division (ASD) Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Star SAFIRE 380HD dual camera system laser.

Air Support Division has acquired several new Forward Looking Infrared, FLIR, Star SAFIRE 80HDc dual camera systems. In addition to the traditional camera and FLIR capabilities, the systems have two lasers; a range finder laser and an infrared/night vision laser pointer. The Food and Drug Administration has classified the laser component of this system as posing a potential hazard to persons within 1325 feet of the laser source. Further, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires any public agency intending to utilize the laser system to draft a formal written policy prior to its activation and deployment.

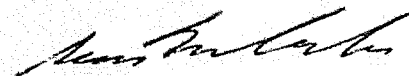
Air Support Division has totally disabled the laser function of its FLIR Star SAFIRE 380HD systems until a policy is written. Currently, the Department does not have a specific need or application of the FLIR's laser capability. Additionally, due to the potential need for a lengthy product for evaluation and to identify specific Department applications, procedures, and responsibilities, the FLIR Star SAFIRE 380HDc camera systems will be installed on Department aircraft with the laser systems deactivated. Future decisions on the use, implementation, and policy of this system may be re-evaluated by the Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operation Bureau.

The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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