FRG FUNDRAISING FAST FACTS



1. USAFACFS Regulation 608-2, in coordination with applicable Army and DoD guidance, controls all fundraising on Fort Sill or done by groups participating in fundraising activities associated with Fort Sill or Fort Sill units. This same regulation includes the fundraising request forms which must be submitted and <u>approved</u> prior to the event. Requests should be received 30 days in advance to allow for staffing as appropriate. All fundraiser requests require review by the Ethics Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

2. Due to the state environmental restrictions on runoff water containing toxic contaminates such as oil and grease, car washes on Fort Sill may only be conducted, after approval, at the car wash facility on Sheridan Road.

3. FRGs can fundraise only ON the installation (after required approval). Off Post fundraising by FRGs IS PROHIBITED.

4. Groups will not solicit donations from businesses but may accept truly unsolicited donations. This restriction also applies to seeking donations from Co-Op partner businesses. Commanders/FRGS will seek guidance from the Installation Ethics Counselor when they receive offers of unsolicited donations for the FRG and/or unit.

5. Nonmonetary Collection Efforts. Commanders and supervisors may authorize the collection of goods, other than money, to assist the unfortunate. If an organization wants to have a canned food drive, coat drive, or similar collection of goods in kind, the commander may authorize it after seeking coordination from the Installation Ethics Counselor. No government resources may be authorized to support the effort, and all contributions must be truly voluntary. If approved, the collection box should be placed in a common area. This is not considered true fundraising but still requires Ethics Counselor coordination.

6. The FRG, through its SOP and supporting voting procedures, decides how FRG funds will be spent legally. FRG funds raised must be used to support authorized FRG activities. FRG money cannot be donated to non federal entities/civic/off post charitable organizations such as Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Bishop Elementary School, Feed the Children, First Baptist Church of Enid, etc.

7. Attempts by a unit commander to use FRG funds in lieu of unit funds to support a unit ball is not authorized per Army Regulation 608-1 which states "examples of unauthorized use of FRG informal funds include . . . funding the unit ball."

8. Leave and passes or other official benefits will not be auctioned off, raffled off, etc. Groups are strictly prohibited from offering military benefits to individuals involved in fundraising, such as time off, passes, training holidays, or authorized wear of civilian clothes during the duty day as an incentive or reward for their donation or participation in fundraising. Also, official positions will not be offered for a price, i.e., "Commander for a Day."

9. Additional information is available from the Installation Ethics Counselor at (580) 442-1589 (at 462 Taylor Hall) or from the Special Programs Office, (580) 442-3113 (B4700, MWR HQs, Room 150).

10. Recurring fundraisers (such as food sales every day in the unit) are not authorized by regulation.