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SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES

Equipment Mounting and Dismounting

SOP 10-5

- 1) Park in an area that provides maximum protection for operator and passengers and which provides a solid landing during mounting and dismounting.
- 2) Do not leave equipment unattended with engine running. Shut off engine and set parking brake when equipment is not in use.
- 3) When mounting or dismounting equipment, use all steps and all handholds provided.
- 4) **DO NOT JUMP FROM EQUIPMENT.**
- 5) Use a three-point method in mounting and dismounting equipment. When mounting, face the equipment and using both hands, firmly grasp handholds while placing one foot solidly on step. When dismounting, face the equipment and place both feet solidly on steps and use one hand to firmly grasp handhold.
- 6) Make sure your shoes are not defective in anyway and have adequate traction. Be sure you do not have any slippery substances such as oil, grease, tar, mud, etc. on the bottoms of your shoes or on the steps of the vehicle or equipment being mounted or dismounted.
- 7) The key to minimizing injuries when getting in and out of equipment including vehicles is “Remember to always maintain three firm points of contact when mounting or dismounting any equipment”.

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