

# COMMAND CLIMATE SURVEY COMMANDER'S GUIDE PRF 801-A

1. **PURPOSE.** The attached **Command Climate Survey** provides you with a tool for reviewing the climate of your unit, such as an assessment upon assumption of command IAW AR 600-20 (Command Policy). Unit "climate" factors such as leadership, cohesion, morale, and the human relations environment have a direct impact on the effectiveness of your unit.

2. **SCOPE.** The **Command Climate Survey** briefly addresses 20 climate areas (question numbers in parentheses): Officer leadership (1), NCO leadership (2), Immediate supervisor (7), Leader accessibility (4,5), Leader concern for families (16), Leader concern for single soldiers (17), Unit cohesion (3,6), Counseling (8), Training (9), Racist materials (10), Sexually offensive materials (11), Stress (12), Training schedule (13), Sponsorship (14), Respect (15), Unit readiness (18), Morale (19), Sexual harassment (20), Discrimination (21), and Reporting harassment/discrimination incidents (22). Additional questions on gender and race are asked. Space is provided for comments on unit strengths and areas most needing improvement.

3. **USE.** The survey is designed as a self-contained, stand-alone tool for you as a commander. You will administer the survey, score or tally the results, and conduct your own analysis to assess your unit's current climate. The survey results may provide indicators of strengths and issues in your unit. As a commander, you should use additional methods to assess the unit climate, such as observations, personal interviews, reports, and other unit data.

#### 4. **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.**

a. **Administration Procedures.** All basic steps are performed at the unit level:

- (1) Make copies of the 2-page questionnaire which is attached. Staple the pages, if necessary.
- (2) Use a roster to ensure all members of the unit complete the survey.
- (3) Arrange for a time and place for soldiers to complete the 6- to 10-minute questionnaire, ensuring:
  - the individual's privacy is protected so responses are anonymous, and
  - there will be no interruptions.

(4) Explain to soldiers why the survey is being conducted and how the results will be used.

(5) Distribute a copy of the survey and a blank envelope to each soldier. Instruct the soldiers to complete the survey, place the completed survey in the envelope, and seal it.

(6) Provide a drop box to facilitate further the anonymity of respondents.

(7) Score/tally the responses, using the worksheet on the following page.

(8) Analyze the data.

(9) Summarize the findings.

(10) Report the findings to the unit.

b. **Scoring.** Use the worksheet on the next page to score/tally the responses for the questionnaire.

(1) For each question, place a mark in the appropriate box on the worksheet that corresponds to the individual's response. Repeat the process for all questions and for all completed questionnaires.

(2) Count the **NUMBER OF RESPONSES** for each of the response categories for a question and enter that counts in the appropriate response category column on the worksheet.

(3) Add the **NUMBER OF RESPONSES** for all response categories for the question. Enter this number--the **TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES** for the question--in the column labeled "Total."

(4) Divide the **NUMBER OF RESPONSES** for each response category by the **TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES**, yielding a **PERCENT** figure for each response category. Enter the **PERCENT** figure in the appropriate column on the worksheet.

(5) For Question 21, which allows multiple responses, count the number of persons who answered the question, and use that number for the **TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES**.

#### c. **Analysis.**

(1) Use the Internet (<http://www-ari.army.mil> -- "Surveys & Data") to access Army-wide data for comparison.

(2) Use methods such as rank-ordering from highest to lowest to compare the percent figures for similar questions. Do this for both the "positive" (such as Strongly agree/Agree) and "negative" responses (such as Disagree/Strongly disagree).