



Family Readiness Group

Q&A's

Q: What does a Family Readiness Group (FRG) do?

A: The primary functions are to provide family support, deployment support activities, assist with command sponsor program, family networking/communication and social events.

Q: What is the role of the ombudsman?

A: The command ombudsman may help start or recharge a FRG. They may serve as a committee chair or member, may act as a command liaison/communication link, but they shall not hold official offices.

Q: Who designates FRG leadership?

A: Per OPNAVINST 1754.5, the command makes that designation. The FRG is a command organization.

Q: The instruction states that installation facilities can be used free of charge. Are FRGs authorized the use of any facility, or only specific facilities? If only certain facilities are available free of charge, who/what determines which facility incurs a fee?

A: FRGs are authorized use of installation facilities, just like any other organization on the base. If there is a fee involved in using a facility (e.g. Chief's Club) then the FRG will be subject to the same fees.

Q: What child care options are available to FRG members during meetings? For example, if a FRG sponsors a function on base for their members and a civilian organization, such as volunteers from a church, are willing to provide child care services free of charge, is this authorized? Can FRGs accept their services if they are not certified/licensed by the Navy Child and Youth Program (CYP)? Can a sponsor organization pay for child care in support of a FRG event?

A: Activity sponsored, sporadic hourly care is allowed. A sponsor organization can contract with CYP for hourly care, beyond the normal program hours, if CYP staff numbers permit extended hours. The fee may be based on overtime labor rates. CYP may accept payment from a sponsor organization. A Child Development Home provider may be a more cost effective solution for child care.

Q: Under what conditions are FRGs authorized the use of a command vehicle? What restrictions can be placed on the use of a government vehicle by a FRG volunteer?

A: Commands may authorize appointed volunteers use of a command vehicle and/or driver if available, does not interfere with the command's mission and is used for FRG official business.

Q: Are all commands, including shore commands, mandated to establish a FRG? Is the CO/XO/CMC/COB spouse required to play an active role in the FRG?

A: All commands are not mandated to establish a FRG. This instruction was established to provide guidance for commands that do establish a FRG. Leadership spouses are not required to play an active role.