



News Release

FORT CARSON Public Affairs Office

(719) 526-4143/7525

FAX (719) 526-1021

*'The Best Hometown in the Army.
The Home of America's Best.'*

February 24, 2024

Release 25-011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release

Fort Carson, Colorado Springs Utilities receive Army Community Partnership Award

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Department of the Army has recognized Fort Carson, in partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities, as one of seven Army installations to receive the 2024 Army Community Partnership Award.

The award, which celebrates the Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) between the Mountain Post and Colorado Springs Utilities, seeks to highlight examples of exceptional cooperation and diligence that have resulted in improved readiness and will encourage further collaboration to achieve the full potential of community partnering.

The IGSA, or partnership agreement between an Army installation and its state or local government for the provision, receipt, or sharing of installation support services, oversees Colorado Springs Utilities' efforts to provide Fort Carson with superior operations and maintenance of the post's electric and gas systems.

"This award is truly a testament to Fort Carson's commitment to our peak partners and the Colorado Springs community," said Col. Erik Oksenvaag, Fort Carson garrison commander. "Through our IGSA with Colorado Springs Utilities, we have seen improvements in the reliability of our electric and gas distribution systems, a dramatic reduction in off-line systems, and a cost savings of nearly \$300,000 per year."

After initially exceeding expectations, the IGSA was updated to include the operations and maintenance of Fort Carson's water distribution system.

"[Fort Carson's] commitment to innovative partnerships for energy resilience with the potential to expand stood out among all the impressive submissions we received," said Dave Leinberger, chief of Army Community Partnerships, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff G-9 (Installations),



News Release

FORT CARSON Public Affairs Office

(719) 526-4143/7525

FAX (719) 526-1021

*'The Best Hometown in the Army.
The Home of America's Best.'*

Headquarters Department of the Army. "Your efforts truly embody the spirit of collaboration and community service that the Army Community Partnership Award aims to celebrate."

Similarly, Fort Carson has received four Army Community Partnership Awards in the past six years for outstanding collaboration with El Paso County's New Father Center and Cheyenne Shooting Complex, and the City of Fountain.

Representatives from Fort Carson will formally receive the award during an award ceremony April 10 in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.