Fort Drum Press Release

Release Nr: 2207-03

July 14, 2022

Public Affairs

Fort Drum to conduct annual emergency response exercise

FORT DRUM, N.Y. -- Fort Drum will conduct a full-scale exercise with community partners July 19-20 to assess the installation’s emergency response and recovery capabilities.

During this time there will be an increased volume of police, fire and EMS vehicles from Fort Drum and other agencies in the North Country, as they respond to simulated incidents. Community members also should be advised that Mount Belvedere Gate will be closed from 9:45 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 19, as part of the exercise. Motorists should plan to use an alternate gate during this time period. Cerjan, Gas Alley and Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield will be open to traffic as regularly scheduled.

As a reminder, all visitors who do not already possess a pass or badge must visit the Visitor Control Center located adjacent to Cerjan Gate.

This year’s exercise will be based on a severe weather scenario, which will allow Fort Drum personnel to practice disaster response and recovery procedures and gauge the installation’s role in a regional effort.

Fort Drum personnel and Family Members who have enrolled in the installation’s ALERT! notification system will receive phone, text and/or email alerts before and during the exercise. Any exercise-related messages will clearly state that it is part of the exercise and not a real-world emergency. Soldiers can register themselves and their Family Members for emergency notifications through their Unit S1 or by calling (315) 772-6070.

Now is an excellent time to prepare or review your Family and Personal Preparedness Plan! For more information and useful resources, visit ready.army.mil or ready.gov.

###

Media with inquiries regarding this press release should contact Fort Drum Public Affairs, Katie Wright at 315-772-9043 or katherine.e.wright12.civ@army.mil.