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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## National Night Out cancelled at Fort Meade due to weather concerns

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE – Due to extreme weather on Tuesday, August 7, Fort Meade officials decided to cancel National Night Out, a large-scale community event to promote and heighten crime, anti-terrorism, and drug prevention awareness.

During set-up, there were a number of lightning strikes in the vicinity. Six people who were part of the set up crew experienced residual effects such as tingling and mild headaches. Emergency Management Services, who were already on site as part of the event, evaluated each person as a precaution. Five were released on site. One gentlemen was taken by Fort Meade ambulance to Baltimore Washington Medical Center as a precaution.

Updates will be provided as they become available.

Department of Emergency Services and the Fort Meade Garrison put tremendous effort in to this event and it is unfortunate that it was canceled the second year in a row.

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**BACKGROUND:** Fort George G. Meade was established in 1917 and is the largest employer in the state of Maryland with more than 56,000 employees. We are the second largest Army installation in the continental United States in terms of personnel. We are the home to all branches of military service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard and serve as the home for 119 partner organizations including U. S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Defense Information School as well as federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Science Center.

## EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information, or if you are interested in covering this event, please contact Mary Doyle in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-5592 or <u>mary.l.doyle14.civ@mail.mil</u>

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