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Stay connected with the Fort George G. Meade App

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE – Fort George G. Meade has released a free mobile app to connect with members of the Fort Meade community through their smartphones and tablets.

The new app allows the garrison to quickly disseminate emergency alerts, and post news, gate and facility closures, traffic delays, and event information. In case of an emergency, app users receive instant notification via their mobile devices.

The app is a two-way communication tool which makes it easy for users to alert police or fire to non-emergency issues, report stray animals, security issues, suspicious behavior or general problems around the installation. The app is not meant to replace calling 911 for emergencies or fires in progress. You can also use the app to call neighborhood housing offices with the touch of a button directly from the app.

The free app is available for Android, Windows or Apple devices and can be downloaded by going to any app store and searching for Fort George G. Meade.

"The app provides an easy-to-use method for two-way communication between the garrison and residents, employees, tenant partners, retirees and community partners," said Chad Jones, Fort Meade public affairs officer. "It's a valuable tool for keeping the entire Fort Meade community safe, informed and connected."

The app supports the garrison's commitment to keeping the Fort Meade community engaged and informed using easy to use tools and the latest technology.

"In the coming months, the installation will experience some upheaval due to various construction projects and road improvements," said, Col. Thomas Rickard, Fort Meade Garrison Commander. "A quick check of the app each day will help you navigate which

gate to use, which roads are under construction and if there are any detours you should be made aware of."

The Fort George G. Meade app was developed from an off-the-shelf product through USPDhub by LogicTree IT Solutions, Inc. of Citrus Heights, CA. The process to have the app approved for use on government issued devices is underway.

Background

Fort George G. Meade started as Camp Meade in 1917 to support troops drafted into World War I and is currently celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Fort Meade, is the largest employer in the state of Maryland and with more than 56,000 employees, is the third 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.

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