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DATE: May 29, 2015

MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Benning Fire Department takes DoD top honors

WHO: Fort Benning Fire and Emergency Services

WHAT: Media opportunity to observe fire training here and speak to Fort Benning firefighters

WHEN: 10 a.m., June 1

WHERE: Meet at I-185 Visitor Center at 9:45 a.m.

WHY: The Department of Defense has named the Fire and Emergency Services here the Large Fire Department of the Year for 2014. The annual award recognizes DoD's most outstanding large category fire departments for achieving the highest degree of excellence in mission support and fire protection management.

"I applaud Fort Benning achievements leading to this highly prestigious DoD award," said Gerald A. Adams, the chief of Fire and Emergency Services Branch at Installation Management Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Adams sent a congratulatory e-mail to all IMCOM fire chiefs Wednesday to announce the win.

"Please congratulate Chief (Timothy) Seigal, his entire staff and firefighters for their outstanding accomplishment," Adams said.

Fire and Emergency Services professionals are on duty 24 hours a day, every day, sometimes putting their own lives on the line while protecting those who defend America.

HOW: Interested news organizations should contact the public affairs office to arrange an escort onto post. The link up location is the I-185 visitor center parking area just north of the access control point.

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