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## **MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning conducts force protection exercise TODAY**

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**FORT BENNING, Ga.** -- A planned force protection training exercise is being conducted on Fort Benning today.

Anyone on or near the installation will notice an increased presence of emergency response vehicles and hear sirens across the installation throughout the day. They may also see or hear of facilities being cordoned off by law enforcement personnel and encounter traffic detours and delays around post. As part of the daylong exercise there may be smoke and blank ammunition being fired in areas that are not recognized firing ranges. These are part of the exercise and are not a cause for alarm.

Motorists are encouraged to allow extra time traveling to their destinations on post today due to the force protection exercise.

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*The Maneuver Center of Excellence, activated in October 2009, includes the Armor and Infantry schools plus their subordinate training brigades. As such, it's the hub for the Army's new Infantry-Armor alliance. Fort Benning teaches more than 180 courses ... both resident and via Mobile Training Teams at other installations in the United States and at deployed locations overseas.*

*Since relocation of the Armor School from Fort Knox in September 2011, Fort Benning has also been home to both the Armor and Infantry branches – All Armor and Infantry Soldiers start their Army journey here - from private to colonel. Fort Benning also trains 52 percent of all civilians who come into the Army through Initial Military Training. During fiscal year 2012, Fort Benning is resourced to train about 96,600 Soldiers. It is also the proponent for all Maneuver Forces.*

*The MCoE also conducts research, development and experimentation to ensure our future Army Maneuver Force is prepared and equipped to fight and win in a complex future environment. Through doctrine development, leveraging emerging technology and partnering with industry, the Maneuver Center is an advocate for the Maneuver Force.*

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