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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Constructing Small Fires as Part of Cold Weather Training Exercises

1. PURPOSE. To Provide Guidance to Military Components on Fort Drum's Policy for Constructing Small Fires as Part of Cold Weather Training Exercises.

2. INFORMATION. The following guidance is provided by the Directorate of Emergency Services, Fire & Emergency Services Division to all training components requesting to construct small fires as part of cold weather training missions.

a. A responsible person shall be designated as a Fire Watch. It shall be his or her responsibility to ensure all fires are extinguished. It is also their responsibility to ensure the guidance provided is strictly adhered to.

b. The use of flammable or combustible liquids is prohibited.

c. Use only dry wood that is dead and down, do not cut live trees or vegetation.

d. Do not burn pressure treated lumber.

e. Fires must be attended at all times.

f. An approved fire extinguisher must be available at all times.

g. Clear an area 10 feet around the fire.

h. The fire must be contained such as in a clean 55-gallon drum, campfire ring, rocks, etc.

i. Fires shall not be located within 50 feet of any combustible structure or vehicle.

j. The use of strike anywhere matches is strictly prohibited.

k. It is not the intent to allow huge bon fires. Fires are to be for training purposes only. Fires shall be easily controlled and easily extinguished.

l. No fires will be allowed during Fire Danger 3 and Fire Danger 4 conditions.

m. Fires that get out of control shall be reported to the Fire and Emergency Services Dispatch center immediately, DIAL **911**. Units shall make every attempt to safely fight the fire. Units shall remain in the vicinity of the fire and assist the Fire Department upon their arrival.

n. All requests shall be submitted via the Fort Drum form 541 for review/approved from the PW Environmental Division and the Fire and Emergency Services Division NLT 14 days prior to the proposed mission start date.

CONCLUSION. Unit's will take responsibility for their actions. Knowledge of this installation policy is essential for planning and coordination of a successful training mission. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Fire Prevention Office (315) 772-4702; DSN 772.