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Fort Leonard Wood railroad incident update

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. –The Department of Army civilian who was pronounced dead at the scene of an incident that occurred on Fort Leonard Wood’s railroad spur yesterday has been identified as Louis Stallings of Atoka, Okla.

Stallings, 45, was a railroad maintenance vehicle operator for McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Okla., and was conducting maintenance to Fort Leonard Wood’s railroad spur when the incident occurred.

Circumstances surrounding the incident are still under investigation by the Army’s Criminal Investigation Command. A safety investigation is also underway by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Three other McAlester Army Ammunition Plant employees were also injured in the incident yesterday.

Two of the injured civilians were airlifted to Mercy hospital in Springfield, Mo. Both are still listed in stable condition. The other injured civilian received minor injuries and was transported by ambulance to the Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, Mo.

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For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145 or 573.528.6877 after hours.

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command’s U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army’s largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.