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First responder competition slated at FLW

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood’s Directorate of Emergency Services will host the inaugural “First Responder Muster” competition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday on Gammon Field.

“The public is invited to come out and watch as emergency first responders compete in various fun and challenging events designed to increase camaraderie among first responders,” said Lloyd Fox, Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department fire chief. “The muster also gives members of the local community a chance to understand more about first response, safety and the people who serve to protect them each and every day.”

“Although considered a competition, the events are designed to be fun and slightly challenging for the participants and very entertaining for the crowd,” he added. “Wait until you see four grown men competing in the monkey mattress race or getting soaked in the elevated-water-barrel fight, or crawling blindfolded trying to find a dummy.”

In addition to the 10 competitive events, food will be available for purchase, and a chili cook-off is planned.

The Fire Prevention team will have their new Sparky Bouncy House along with children’s games and activities to keep the kids entertained, Fox added.

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Free parking will be available near the parade field, and there will be a designated parking area for emergency vehicles, he said.

An awards presentation for the top three individual, overall and chili cook-off events, will follow the completion of the competition and chili cook-off.

Fox added that a traveling trophy will be presented to the overall winning team.

The competition is open to any member of a Missouri fire department (paid or volunteer) or Missouri police and sheriff's department, the 92nd Military Police Battalion, Directorate of Emergency Services Law Enforcement, National Guard personnel and General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital medics and emergency personnel, he said.

"If you're considered a first responder, come out and join the fun and be part of a great event," Fox said. "Participants are asked to pre-register teams of four for planning purposes. Individual first responders who want to participate but don't have enough to make a four-person team should pre-register and will be paired up."

To pre-register in the muster or chili cook-off and to obtain event rules, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department with your team name, organization, phone number and point of contact. A limited number of electrical connections will be available for the chili cook-off, with a limit of one crock pot per organization.

The fire department can be reached by calling 573.596.0131, ext. 62152/64871/63356 or 69267; or email Fox at lloyd.c.fox2.civ@mail.mil; Chris Fletcher at christophe.l.fletcher2.civ@mail.mil; Kevin Curtis at kevin.d.curtis3.civ@mail.mil; or Buddy Glover at buddy.w.glover.civ@mail.mil.

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Media interested in covering this event, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145, no later than noon, Friday.

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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 about 80,000 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 four reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned 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.
