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Fort Leonard Wood to take part in ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood will join millions of people worldwide to practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills at 10:15 a.m. Oct. 15.

In the past 25 years, scientists have learned that strong earthquakes in the central Mississippi Valley are not freak events, but have occurred repeatedly in the geologic past.

The area of major earthquake activity also has frequent minor shocks and is known as the New Madrid Seismic Zone. The NMSZ is made up of several thrust faults that stretch from Marked Tree, Arkansas, to Cairo, Illinois.

Fort Leonard Wood's on-post populace should respond to the mass notification and warning system activation by taking appropriate earthquake protective actions.

Drop to the ground; take cover by getting under a sturdy desk or table and hold on. Be prepared to move with your shelter until the shaking stops.

Five minutes later, the "all clear" will be sent out through mass notification to simulate the end of the earthquake.

"We all must get better prepared for major earthquakes, and practice how to protect ourselves

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when they happen,” said Troy Carney, Fort Leonard Wood emergency management specialist.

“The purpose of the ShakeOut is to help people and organizations do both.”

Indoor protective actions

If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.

Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.

Use a doorway for shelter only if it is in close proximity to you and if you know it is a strongly supported, load bearing doorway. Stay inside until shaking stops and it is safe to go outside.

Most injuries during earthquakes occur when people are hit by falling objects.

Outdoor protective actions

Stay outdoors, move away from buildings, streetlights and utility wires.

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For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

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, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting 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.
