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Fort Bragg Steps Up Post Security

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Fort Bragg adjusted access control point measures starting Saturday, partly in response to generalized threats in the coming months, according to Allyn L. Bublitz, Department of the U.S. Army police officer and deputy provost marshal for operations.

Persons entering the installation may encounter minor delays at ACPs.

To help speed the process, Fort Bragg officials request that vehicle occupants have photo identification out and available to give to the security officer before approaching the gate, said Reid Gantt, chief of Security and Intelligence on Fort Bragg.

All occupants in vehicles entering post must now hand security officers valid photo ID rather than merely flashing it from inside a holder, Gantt said.

Security officers have also increased the number of random vehicle searches at ACPs.

All vehicles remain subject to search upon entry.

Persons without a valid form of Department of Defense identification or temporary Vehicle Registration System pass are required to enter at one of the following five search points: the Knox Street gate at Bragg Boulevard; the Zabitosky Road gate on All American Freeway; the Randolph gate on Bragg Boulevard; and Longstreet Road or Yadkin Road, Bublitz said.

These changes are based on the current threat level and may change at any time, Bublitz explained.

Children under 14 with a parent or guardian do not need ID; teenagers without an adult escort must present photo ID, said Gantt.

A random anti-terrorism measures program is also ongoing, randomly altering procedures so that terrorists conducting surveillance will be unable to observe an established pattern, Gantt said.

Fort Bragg regularly reviews and alters security procedures to ensure a safe environment for everyone on post, Bublitz said.

Gantt emphasized that while suspicious persons should be reported as soon as possible to appropriate authorities, personnel on post need not be alarmed.

Installation security cards with phone numbers and anti-terrorism tips are available through Security and Intelligence at the Public Safety Business Center, Bldg. A-5965, Butner Road, or by calling 396-3501.