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FORCE PROTECTION EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19-20 – April 18, 2018

WEST POINT, N.Y. – West Point will conduct an annual multi-day, multi-agency force protection exercise on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20.

Exercise activities at 8:15 a.m. Thursday will close Thayer, Washington and Stony Lonesome gates for approximately 15 minutes. Vehicle traffic in Central Area and along Stony Lonesome Road, between Washington Road and the Holleder Center, could also be affected from 1 to 3 p.m. that day. No other operational impacts are anticipated.

The exercise will test West Point's ability to respond to a full range of crisis possibilities. The scenario will incorporate elements of mass notification, active shooter and improvised explosive device response, personnel protective actions such as lockdown or evacuation, and mass casualty care.

This exercise will enable West Point leaders, first-responders and tenant organizations and off-post mutual aid partners to participate in an assessment of emergency preparedness procedures and capabilities in the context of a potentially tragic—and all too possible—multifaceted threat.

This exercise is part of West Point's continuing commitment to obtaining valuable insights to guide our future preparedness and response efforts.

About West Point

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering and continues today as the world's premier leader-development institution, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country. Its mission remains constant—to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U. S. Army. For more information, go to www.westpoint.edu.