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**Fort Meade receives new fire trucks thanks to  
congressional assistance**

**EVENT:** Fire Truck Housing Ceremony

**WHEN:** Scheduled for Jan. 17 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Department of Emergency Services (**EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in attending this event must be escorted by a public affairs representative. To coordinate your visit and RSVP, please contact Jennifer Downing at (301) 677-1486 or Summer Barkley at (301) 677-1436.**)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The Fire and Emergency Services Division at Fort Meade is hosting a fire apparatus ceremony for two fire engines that were recently purchased. The funding for the fire trucks was made possible because of a congressional addition to the 2007 Department of Defense budget.

The housing ceremony is a tradition in the fire service that dates back to the 1830's when apparatus was horse drawn. The ceremony is conducted for the new vehicle involves "pushing" the apparatus three times into the station. Tradition dictates that the first push is for God, the second for country and the third push symbolizes the fire service.

Sen. Ben Cardin, who assisted in securing the funding for the new fire trucks, said he is pleased to have helped with modernizing Fort Meade's equipment.

"These new fire trucks will enable Fort Meade's firefighters to respond more quickly to incidents both on and off post," he said.

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Installation Commander Col. Kenneth O. McCreedy is expected to make remarks at the ceremony along with Cardin, Rep. John Sarbanes and representatives from other congressional offices.

The ceremony is open to members of the Fort Meade community.