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Fort Meade employees notified of intent to furlough

Over the next week, more than 400 Fort Meade garrison Department of Army employees will receive letters of proposed administrative furloughs as required by funding reductions mandated by sequestration.

The Office of Personnel Management requires a 30-day notice of intent to place employees on temporary nonduty, nonpay status. Employees were notified of a proposed one-day furlough per week, beginning April 26, through Sept 21, 2013. A minimum of 22 furlough days are proposed as part of the automatic spending cuts contained in the Budget Control act of 2011. The furloughs amount to an approximate twenty percent per pay period salary reduction.

The letters will be hand-delivered to employees by supervisors and managers between March 22 to 26, 2013. Employees will be asked to respond to the notice within seven days.

“We thought it important that supervisors and managers hand-deliver the notices to ensure every employee received them and had a chance to ask questions,” said John Moeller, Deputy Garrison Commander at Fort Meade. “The most important part about implementing the furloughs is to have open communication to ensure employees are fully informed of the policies, the regulations and the implementation. Supervisors and managers, like the rest of the dedicated staff at Fort Meade, are also subject to the mandatory furlough.”

As a result of the furloughs, some Fort Meade offices and services may close one day a week or have reduced hours. Details about the furlough at Fort Meade can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil.

The 95 tenant organizations on Fort Meade, like the Defense Information Systems Agency, the National Security Agency, The Defense Media Activity and many others, will issue their own furlough notices if their agencies are affected by the funding reductions.

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