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Utah Guard Prepares for Looming Federal Government Shutdown

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard is making preparations for a possible government shutdown April 8.

The basis for the Utah National Guard's contingency plan is to provide the minimum number of personnel necessary to directly support mobilized or alerted units, as well as safety, and security operations.

Here is how the shutdown may affect the following categories of members of the Utah National Guard:

- Full-time federal technicians - Up to 60 percent may be furloughed beginning Tuesday, meaning they will neither report for duty nor be paid while off duty. The remaining 40 percent will remain on duty to fulfill critical functions until operational funds are expended.
- Active Guard-Reserve (AGR)/ Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS) – Unless individually notified, AGR and ADOS Guardmembers will report for full-time duty as normal, but will not be paid until a federal budget or Continuing Resolution is in place.
- Traditional Guardmembers (part-time) – Weekend drills may be modified or postponed.

Critical services provided by the Utah National Guard will continue. These include assistance to civil authorities in the event of natural disaster or other emergency. Other support capabilities to remain in place include hazmat response, medical, logistics, airlift, selected Soldier training and Veteran funeral honors.

The Utah National Guard will be providing updates on its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/utahnationalguard and on Twitter @UTNationalGuard.

Guardmembers with questions about reporting for drill this weekend or for duty next week should contact their first-line leaders.