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SUBJECT: 2020 Army Partnership Awards

1. United States Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca and Cochise County, Arizona submit the following partnership for consideration to receive the 2020 Army Community Partnership Award:

a. FORT HUACHUCA AND COCHISE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SAFETY:
This partnership, the outcome of a March 2020 Community Pandemic Exercise proved essential in establishing a mutually beneficial response capability. This collaboration consists of Fort Huachuca and Cochise County-based fire districts, fire departments, fire and rescue agencies, law enforcement agencies, and public works departments.

2. In addition to improving First Responder capabilities, this partnership builds on collaboration opportunities, and community resiliency, which proved essential as the pandemic raged across the United States. Because of our combined efforts we achieved efficiencies in the following areas; public health messaging, COVID-19 testing and positive trace analysis, medical preparedness, response capabilities, and information sharing. This interaction assisted in reducing the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community along with identification of any challenges to ensure mitigation in the early stages. Additionally, Fort Huachuca gained access to Cochise County virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC) which provided enhanced situational awareness.

3. If there are any questions regarding this submission, please contact Mr. David L. Koch, Chief Plans Analysis and Integration Office, at (520)-533-3135, email: david.l.koch4.civ@mail.mil.

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2020 ACP Award Questionnaire

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2020 Army Community Partnership Awards Questionnaire

Fort Huachuca, Arizona and Cochise County Arizona

Fort Huachuca Public Safety

1. Does this partnership improve the quality of life for Soldiers and families? If so, what areas and how?

This partnership fills several gaps identified during our March 2020 community pandemic exercise and improves preparedness and response capabilities across the installation and Cochise County. Not only do Soldiers and families benefit, the community today is safer and more resilient through our collective collaboration and teamwork. Recent events such as COVID-19 identified an urgent need for greater collaboration between Fort Huachuca and Cochise County. Initiatives implemented since March include greater sharing of public health information, public health initiatives and messaging regarding COVID-19 testing and tracing of positive cases. Because of our synchronized efforts and collaboration we were able to achieve some of the lowest COVID-19 case numbers across the state of Arizona. The achievements gained since March have directly improved the quality of life for Soldiers, families and civilians both on and off the installation. The additional Cochise County-based assets available through this agreement have proven invaluable today.

2. Does this partnership improve or enhance readiness? If so, how?

Absolutely. In addition to increased public health capabilities and collaboration this partnership improves readiness to the installation with added firefighting resources beyond current structure and wildland firefighting capabilities. Current firefighting capabilities often become strained each year as we transition from the cooler winter months into the heat of summer which is prone to one of our greatest threats, wildland fires. We believe the ability to share assets at no cost is a force multiplier, increases readiness and response capabilities throughout the community. In addition to hosting after action reviews, we regularly conduct in progress reviews to validate and share information along with new ideas and initiatives. These efforts build teamwork, a shared understanding of capabilities and create a common operating picture which improves preparedness and enhances readiness.

3. Does this partnership modernize a service, system, or process? If so, how?

Absolutely. This partnership, the outcome of a community pandemic exercise, conducted in March of this year significantly increased medical response capabilities and information sharing between Fort Huachuca and the Cochise County Health Department. While many of our systems are interoperable and aligned under the National Incident Management System, this agreement significantly increase our situational awareness of pandemic trends, community messaging and ongoing county outreach initiatives. Access to county Public Health, county's virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint

Information Center (JIC) have proven invaluable. Because of this, our Incident Management Team (IMT) was able to effectively collaborate across jurisdictional lines and provide our Senior Commander with critical pandemic trend data which allowed for timely recommendations and decisions in response to this unprecedented pandemic. We also saw increased efficiencies between our Raymond W. Bliss Health Care Clinic, Canyon Vista Hospital and the community Public Health Office.

4. Does the partnership create cost or other efficiencies (savings, avoidance, time, process, etc.)? If so, please explain.

Yes. This mutual aid agreement is a preparedness and response multiplier allowing us to maximize capability while sharing resources, at no additional cost. We also gain efficiencies by removing layers of governmental proprieties which enables an increase in vital response time, and use of the incident command system.

5. Has the partnership expanded the operational and mission capabilities? If so, how?

Exponentially. By a factor of three, this agreement provides Fort Huachuca access to response resources beyond the immediate community. This becomes increasingly important as our mission footprint expands beyond the boundaries of the installation i.e. our expansive restricted airspace and 2500 sq. miles of Buffalo Soldier Electronic Test Range. Both of these resources extend beyond the installation footprint today.

6. Have the partnership improved any aspects of community relations? If so, how?

Absolutely. We believe this partnership will only grow stronger as we continue to collaborate, share information and resources into the future. Today Cochise County continues to work closely with our medical and public health professionals. This has been especially important during this pandemic as Cochise County has conducted the vast majority of our COVID-19 testing and trace tracking requirements. It should also be noted, Cochise County Public Health Department is our go-to for all things Public-Health related and they have been serving as our liaison to the Arizona Department of Health Services. Through this agreement Cochise County has proven to be an integral part in our response to COVID-19. A quote from our installation Emergency Manager summarizes how many of us feel; "in my opinion, they have been a force multiplier and have allowed us to respond appropriately."