



U.S. Army to conduct training in Dayton Sept. 20-25

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Members of the U.S. Army will conduct essential military training exercises around designated areas of the city of Dayton from Sept. 20 to 25, 2020.

The purpose of the exercises is to enhance soldiers' skills by operating in an urban environment. Local terrain and unoccupied buildings provide training opportunities and simulate environments troops may encounter when deployed.

The events will be held at secured, predetermined locations. Each training is expected to last a few hours, mainly in the early evenings. Residents may hear noises including helicopters, simulated weapons sounds and brief controlled explosions used for breaching doors. The majority of area residents will likely not see or hear the training operations.

Safety precautions are in place to protect participants and residents, along with planning considerations to minimize impact to the community and private property. Dayton Police Department officers will be on-site to keep citizens safely away from training areas.

"The meetings and planning for this training began more than a year ago," Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl said. "Dayton has a long history and strong relationship with the U.S. military, and we are honored to be able to provide support to the U.S. Army as they conduct valuable training in our city. These exercises will assist them as they protect our freedoms in challenging missions they face around the world."

"The U.S. Army sincerely appreciates the cooperation and understanding of citizens and local businesses near training, and apologizes for any possible inconvenience," Army spokesperson Col. T.J. Rainsford said.

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