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### **Chaffee Road gate to reopen Monday**

**Fort Polk, LA—** After almost eight months of renovations, Fort Polk's Chaffee Road access control point will reopen Monday, according to officials from the Provost Marshal's Office.

Eventually, all of the installation's ACPs will be upgraded. Forces Command mandated the renovations, providing a basic blueprint and almost \$17 million in funds. The Fort Worth District of the Corps of Engineers is responsible for design and construction.

Before Sept. 11, 2001, Fort Polk was an open post with 48 access points, but after the terrorist attacks, force protection became an issue Army wide. Days after 9-11, post officials closed all but eight external and one internal ACP. Initially, ACP guards had only a tactical military vehicle for shelter and a portable light for illumination. Over the next 14 months, ACPs were improved, but more needed to be done, said Larry Weaver, PMO physical security officer.

"As money becomes available, all of the installation's ACPs will be redone. The new design is more comfortable, not only for the military police and personnel manning the gates, but also for visitors and residents who will travel through them," he said.

Gate guards at Chaffee Road now have a shelter equipped with what they need for protection against the elements -- and more.

"It has electricity, air-conditioning, restrooms, hot water and other amenities," he continued.

With the new ACP, Fort Polk's MPs will also gain a "bird's eye view" of motorists entering and exiting the installation.

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“A closed-circuit television will be installed at each new ACP so things can be recorded. MPs can even zoom in on license plates or whatever they need to get a clearer picture.

Motorists should note that the Chaffee ACP is equipped with tire shredders which will also be installed as other gates are renovated. Tire shredders will enhance force and community protection, said Weaver.

On the entrance side of the ACP, the tire shredder is operated by remote control. This allows gate guards to raise the shredder if a motorist runs the ACP. There are also two-way tire shredders on the exit side of the gate. This allows motorists to drive over them while exiting the installation. However, motorists trying to enter the installation on the exit side will find the end result is shredded tires, Weaver explained.

Turn-around lanes are also located on each side of the ACP so motorists can change their minds about entering the installation without impeding the flow of traffic.

Renovations to ACPs is just one of the many ongoing projects on the installation, emphasizing the command philosophy that the “Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk is on the move.”

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