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New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs **Sequestration and the New York National Guard**

“Even after taking all these (budgetary) actions, we are still short of needed operating funds for FY 2013, and we cannot rule out unexpected increases in costs during the next few months. So we confront a difficult set of trade offs. We can make even larger cutbacks in training and maintenance, further reducing readiness to handle contingency operations and putting into even greater jeopardy our military readiness in future fiscal years. Alternatively, we can furlough civilian personnel to help close the gap and, knowing that morale, productivity and readiness would be affected. This is an unpleasant set of choices, but this is the situation we face.”

-- Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel message to the DOD workforce, May 14

There are approximately 4,500 full time federal and state employees assigned to support the administration of New York State Military Forces, including the New York Army and Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia and New York Guard, with a combined authorized strength of more than 22,000 uniformed members.

One of the most visible and significant impacts of the Budget Control Act, known as sequestration, is the unpaid furlough of Federal Technicians in the New York National Guard.

About 1,745 employees, or just over a third of the full time members of the New York National Guard will be furloughed. They are Federal Technicians, civilian employees of the National Guard who are required to serve as Guard members and wear their uniforms as part of their daily work routine.

Many of these 1,745 civilian employees perform critical functions such as maintenance, intelligence, logistics, contracting and administration. The unpaid furloughs will be one day per week for the last 11 weeks of the fiscal year, from July 8 through September 30 -- effectively a 20 percent pay cut for National Guard Federal Technicians.

The furlough in the New York National Guard will provide an approximate \$4.5 million in savings to the Department of Defense.

The Budget Control Act impacts for the rest of this fiscal year, in addition to the furloughs of personnel, include:

- New York Army National Guard budget reduction of \$18.75M in training, personnel, maintenance and operations.
- An Air National Guard reduction in flying hours to sustain essential missions
- Reduced maintenance of National Guard wheeled and tracked vehicles
- Deferred Army National Guard aviation maintenance and reduced flying training hours
- Reduced availability of National Guard training exercises or military schools
- Cancellation of medical or dental exams that could reduce the availability of Army National Guard personnel for deployment over the coming months.

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