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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Will the facility be available for public use?**

It depends on who owns the property. While the facility is going through the disposal process with the Department of General Services State of Tennessee Real Estate Asset Management (STREAM), contact information will be posted at the facility.

### **What are the impacts to local economy?**

Minimal. Most Soldiers do not live within 50 miles of the armory.

**What is the process of divestiture?** An assessment for feasible use by any other state agency is first made by notifying the house and senate members from the property's district, as well as all agencies. If other agency use is approved, it is transferred. If no other agency has a use, STREAM will facilitate approval for sale through the Executive Subcommittee of the State Building Commission (ESC). STREAM will complete an appraisal and, with Military, work with the local City and County governments to determine if they have a need. If a need is identified, STREAM will facilitate sale and closing. If no need is identified, STREAM will advertise the property for sale, receive bids and complete the divestiture. This entire process that can take up to 300 days.

**Will this effect domestic response in my community?** No. Your local Emergency Management Agency will contact TEMA as necessary, according to the severity of the emergency. The Tennessee Military Department will support as needed.

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## FAQ continued...

**What options are there for Soldiers assigned to these locations?** They have several options and will choose which option is best for them. For example, they will go to an adjacent unit with the same job classification.

**Will anyone lose their job?** No. Full time support personnel will be reassigned as needed.

### **What are you going to do with the money gained from selling an armory?**

The money from the sale of an armory goes into a Tennessee Military Department account. The account supports making improvements to other armories and Military facilities.

**What is the cost savings associated with divesting the armories?** There is an estimated \$1M annual cost savings associated with the divestiture of the armories identified.

**Will this affect current veteran services available in these communities?** No. We are not divesting any facility that provides local veteran services.



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**Why it helps the Tennessee National Guard to rebalance facilities and force structure.**

Reducing TNARNG facility footprint enhances our ability to respond to state and federal missions.



# Why are we reducing the Tennessee National Guard armory footprint?

## Why reduce the footprint?

Consolidating units and reducing facilities prevents federal loss of force structure and increases budgetary and manning efficiencies, which will increase our ability to better respond to state and federal missions.

By divesting armories, we will be able to modernize other facilities, make a more effective use of manpower, and protect our units from being moved out of Tennessee.



## Some background.

The majority of the Tennessee Army National Guard armories were built to support a 14,000 Soldier force. Today we have less than 9,000 Soldiers in the force. The State and Federal government(s) are expending significant resources to maintain facilities that support a minimal number of Soldiers; the majority of whom drive over 50 miles to attend drill in their unit's armory. Over the years, the Tennessee Army National Guard assumed risk by expending resources to maintain facilities it cannot effectively man; instead of reducing facilities and growing armories that maximize growth and personnel strength in the state.

## Who is serving?

Reduction in people serving / reduction in propensity to serve / reduced qualified military applicants (QMA) in rural areas, combined with greater than 50% of all military age population not meeting entrance standards (medical / moral) to serve, has decreased our ability to maintain force structure that spans 87 Armories.

- Consolidating units increases Unit's and Soldier's ability to respond to Federal and State missions.
- Saves the TNARNG Federal and State money.
- More effective use of manpower and existing facility funding.
- Positions the TNARNG to protect units and capabilities from Federally directed moves out of State.
- Enables the TNARNG to modernize facilities and enables them to meet 21st Century requirements.
- All Soldiers drilling in the divested armories will have drilling/service options available that best meet their needs.
- Closing armories has no impact on TNARNG's support to communities in times of emergency.
- Closing armories has no impact on TNARNG's current authorization or unit capabilities.

