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Alaska State Defense Force ready throughout state to serve Alaskans after earthquake

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — In response to the magnitude 7.0 earthquake seven miles north of Anchorage yesterday morning, the Alaska State Defense Force has 69 uniformed personnel on standby in 13 locations across the state, awaiting directives from the chain of command for any assistance needed.

The ASDF is tracking aftershocks, damage to property, and any reported injuries. ASDF personnel are prepared to assist with traffic management and any additional assignments.

The ASDF encourages Alaskans to utilize this major geographical event to prepare for additional emergencies in the future in terms of earthquake proofing homes or businesses, keeping fuel tanks topped off, and storing a week's worth of water and food for all family members in the home. The ASDF offers the opportunity for families or groups to receive briefings on how to prepare for emergencies and may be reached at 907-357-3250 or asdf@alaska.gov.

The ASDF is accepting applications to train additional soldiers to assist during statewide emergencies. Complete an application at dmva.alaska.gov/ASDF.

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