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**NEBRASKA ARMY GUARD  
TO DEPLOY NEW TACTICAL  
FIRE TRUCKS TO NORFOLK,  
MARCH 30, AT 10 A.M.**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Army National Guard will unveil its newest state-of-the-art military equipment, at 10 a.m. on March 30 when it deploys two massive tactical fire trucks to their new home in Norfolk, Neb., from the National Guard air base in Lincoln.

The trucks, massive eight wheeled vehicles designed to deploy wherever needed for aircraft rescue, fuel storage protection, structural firefighting, wildland firefighting and rescue extrication in almost any terrain, will depart Lincoln to the newly built Fire Rescue Station at the Norfolk, Neb., municipal airport. The trucks will be assigned to the newly created 317<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighting Team) and the 181<sup>st</sup> Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighting Team), both of which are headquartered in Norfolk.

An acceptance ceremony will be held in Norfolk at a later date.

The two fire trucks are both new. They were manufactured at the Oshkosh Plant in Wisconsin and have since been going through preliminary maintenance and acceptance inspections at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop in Lincoln. (*See attached fact sheet*)

The new trucks bring a valuable new asset to Nebraska, which will be available for military duty overseas or for homeland defense and state emergency missions in Nebraska. The trucks were brought to Nebraska as part of the transformation of the 67<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade into the 67<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group, a move designed to bring more support units into the state.

The National Guard will hold a news conference and practical demonstration of the new firetrucks' capabilities beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, at the National Guard Air Base in Lincoln. Following the news conference, the two trucks will depart for their new home in Norfolk.

