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## AFRH Chief Operating Officer Fact Sheet 27

### **Subject: Closure of AFRH-Washington's Scale Gate to all AFRH Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic**

1. This Fact Sheet serves as formal notification to all Armed Forces Retirement Home- Washington (AFRH-W) Residents and employees of the upcoming closure of the Scale Gate for AFRH-W vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The Scale Gate is located on Scale Gate Road which leads off of North Capital Street. The projected timeframe for this closure is July 1, 2013. After July 1, 2013, Residents, employees and AFRH-W vendors will not be able to access our facility via the Scale Gate entrance. All AFRH traffic, including vendor deliveries, must be made via the Eagle Gate located on Rock Creek Church Road after July 1, 2013.
2. The decision to close the Scale Gate to AFRH vehicle and pedestrian traffic is based on our efforts to right-size the AFRH-W facility. Since we no longer use the boiler plant complex, the moth-balled Pipes and Barnes Buildings, and the LaGarde Building it makes sense to close the Scale Gate which provides access to the lower portion of the facility.
3. Effective July 1, 2013, the Veterans Administration (VA) will assume sole responsibility for controlling and providing security personnel to man the Scale Gate entrance. The VA currently uses a portion of our property near the Scale Gate for VA employee parking during the workweek. Prior to July 1, 2013 the AFRH will place large barricades on select AFRH-W facility roadways to secure the AFRH-W property from vehicles used by daily parkers.
4. As part of this notification, AFRH-W and Agency Contract Officer Representatives (CORs), are asked to contact their vendors to inform them of the Scale Gate closure and to modify any contracts that specifically direct vendors to make deliveries, etc., using the Scale Gate entrance.
5. As mentioned above, the Eagle Gate will serve as AFRH-W's primary point of entry/exit. In the event of an emergency that requires additional points of access or departure, the AFRH will open the Randolph Street gate and/or the gate adjacent to Building 21 located on Harewood Road.
6. Residents and employees who have questions or need additional information should contact Mr. Patrick Benjamin on 541-7547.

  
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