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## Ohio National Guard Soldier among four injured in airborne training operation

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Four Soldiers were injured during an airborne operation at Rickenbacker Air National Guard base at approximately 1 p.m.

The extent of the injuries is unknown at this time.

The Soldiers, from the Army Reserve's 412<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion and 346<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion and the Ohio National Guard's B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, were involved in the airborne operation. One Soldier from the Ohio National Guard was among the injured.

The 121<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing Fire Department responded and performed first aid, then called in paramedics from local fire departments in Columbus, Hamilton Township and Madison Township, who transported the injured troops to area hospitals by ambulance for treatment, said Dennis Atkins, the assistant base fire chief.

The incident is under investigation.

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For more information on the Ohio National Guard call:

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