

## City of Bloomington answers sent 3:59 p.m. June 8, 2021 to B Square questions

1. What branch of the military did the training?

The US Army.

2. How many and what types of aircraft were involved?

This was not a City training exercise, and therefore we don't know. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

3. How many members of the military were involved in the training exercise?

This was not a City training exercise, and therefore we don't know. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

4. Where is the home base for the members of the military who were involved in the training exercise?

This was not a City training exercise, and therefore we don't know. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

5. What was the goal of the training exercise?

This was not a City training exercise, and therefore we don't know. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

6. Can you confirm that 1730 S. Walnut and Switchyard Park were used in the training exercise?

Yes.

7. Was any other property besides 1730 S. Walnut and Switchyard Park used in the training exercise?

This was not a City training exercise, and therefore we don't know. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

8. Does the US military have to ask permission of the city of Bloomington to conduct such a training exercise, or is it more like a notification that the military is exercising its right to train?

This was not a City training exercise, and the City cannot accurately characterize the required permissions. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

9. When was the request/notification to the city of Bloomington about the training exercise made?

This was not a City training exercise, and the City cannot accurately characterize the required permissions. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

10. To the extent that it was a request, and not a notification, who made the decision to allow the military to conduct the training exercise?

The City cannot prohibit the federal government from conducting a training exercise. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

11. Was there any financial benefit to the city of Bloomington for allowing the military to conduct the training exercise?

No.

12. Were there intangible benefits to the city of Bloomington for allowing the military to conduct the training exercise?

Other than our shared desire to be served by appropriately trained armed forces, no.

13. How many BPD officers were assigned to assist, coordinate or be available to the military on June 7 to June 8 in connection with the training exercise?

We assigned no officers to this training last night. Only off-duty law enforcement personnel could have been utilized. Any BPD personnel were paid by the federal government. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

14. Was any overtime used to assign BPD officers in connection with the training exercise? If so, how many hours?

No.

15. To the extent that overtime was required, did current BPD staffing levels play a role in the need for overtime? What is the current number for BPD sworn officers, not including those on extended medical or military leave?

Only off-duty BPD personnel would have been used.

16. Can you confirm that the attached image was a flyer about the training that was distributed to some residents in the area?

No. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

17. Why weren't the city's social media platforms used to notify residents, either before the training started, or after the training was underway?

This was not a City training exercise. Creating broad public awareness of the exercise via social media was not recommended. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

18. In how broad an area (e.g. how many residences/businesses were flyer'd) were the flyers distributed?

This was not a City training exercise, and therefore we don't know. We recommend that you redirect this question to the agency that conducted last night's training.

19. Were city councilmembers notified about the training exercise before it took place? (If so, could I get a copy of the notification, without going through a formal APRA request?)

No.

20. Is there a history of such training exercises held in Bloomington?

Yes.