



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## *ESGR news conference to be held July 29*

**What:** Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett; Maj. Gen. Terry “Max” Haston; Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) representatives; other officials; members of the community

**When:** Friday, July 29, 2016 at 10 a.m.

**Where:** City County Building  
5th Floor Atrium  
400 Main St, Knoxville, TN 37902

### **Background:**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (July 22, 2016)* – Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will join Major General Terry “Max” Haston, representatives from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and other officials on Friday, July 29 at 10 a.m. in the City County Building 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Atrium for a news conference recognizing Knox County’s support of its employees in the National Guard and Reserve.

Mayor Burchett recently proposed an amendment to the Knox County personnel ordinance that would increase the number of paid leave days given to Knox County Government employees who are members of National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces Reserve services. The ordinance amendment must pass two readings by the County Commission before becoming law. Commissioners passed it once at the June 27 meeting and will vote on it during a second reading at the July 25 meeting.

Currently, employees are paid for up to 20 working days of military leave – or four weeks. The amendment would increase that benefit to 30 days of leave – or six weeks.

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