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Arkansas National Guard RQ-7 Shadow UAV crashes near Lavaca *~ Unmanned aerial vehicle was on a training mission over Fort Chaffee when control lost*

WHO: The Arkansas Army National Guard

WHAT: Lost contact with an unmanned aerial vehicle, called an RQ-7 Shadow

WHEN: At approximately 11:30 a.m., Aug. 25

WHERE: North of Fort Chaffee, Ark., near Lavaca.

WHY: Soldiers in the Arkansas National Guard were remotely piloting an RQ-7 Shadow on a routine training mission over Fort Chaffee when they lost contact with the UAV. The Arkansas National Guard does not fly the RQ-7 purposely off the installation. The RQ-7 proceeded outside the perimeter of Fort Chaffee and crashed a short time later. An Army National Guard aviation investigation team has secured the mishap site and are recovering the aircraft. There are no injuries and there is no damage to property. The RQ-7 carries no weaponry on board. It contains no toxic materials, and its gross takeoff weight exceeds 460 pounds. The RQ-7 uses aviation-grade fuel.

An accident investigation officer has been appointed and is assisting the unit with the investigation, in accordance with regulation and policy.

A fact sheet on the RQ-7 is available here:

https://www.army.mil/article/137609/rq_7b_shadow_tactical_unmanned_aircraft_system_tuas