



MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 127TH WING (ACC)
SELFRIDGE ANG BASE, MICHIGAN

September 27, 2013

Dear Military Member

On September 18, 2013, it was discovered that the Base Record Staging Area, Building 951 was left unsecure after a routine Fire Department alarm check. The records in Building 951 contained personally identifying information on approximately 1600 Air National Guard Members who were/are members of the 127th Wing. The specific information compromised consists of Name, Social Security Number, Home Address and Birthdate,

The compromise was reported to the National Guard Bureau on September 18, 2013, and subsequently to Department of Defense Privacy Office officials. I ordered an investigation to be conducted and it was determined that there is a low probability that the compromised information will be used for an unlawful purpose. However, I cannot say with certainty that this may or may not occur.

Considering the possibility of misuse, I believe you should make every effort to protect yourself against the potential that someone might use your information to steal your identity. To assist you, I'm recommending the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website at <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity>. The FTC urges that you immediately place an initial fraud alert in your credit file if you believe your information may be used for an unlawful purpose. The fraud alert duration is 90 days, during which time creditors are required to contact you before changes are made to your account and before new credit cards can be issued. The site also provides other valuable information that can be used now or in the future if identity problems should develop.

The 127th Wing takes this compromise very seriously and I'm reviewing our current policies and practices to determine what must be changed to guard against future occurrences. I deeply regret and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and concern this compromise has caused you.

Should you have any questions, please contact SSgt Jon Moore, 127th Wing Privacy Manager at 127wg.csscxkomb@ang.af.mil, or call (586) 239-6580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Thomas".

MICHAEL T THOMAS, Col, MI ANG
Commander