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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. ? U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), in partnership with the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Rocky Mountain Chapter National Defense Industrial Association, present the first Homeland Defense Symposium, Sept. 25, 2003, at the Broadmoor Hotel International Center, in Colorado Springs.

The purpose of this symposium is fourfold: To educate the audience on the status of USNORTHCOM, by addressing the mission, vision, and component roles of USNORTHCOM; to describe the relationships between local, state, and federal agencies required to conduct military support to civil authorities; and to showcase the role of the first responder in homeland security and defense; and to discuss emerging trends and technology that could support homeland defense.

?This symposium will be a major step in making Colorado Springs a center of excellence for homeland defense in the years ahead,? stated Mike Perini, Director of Public Affairs for NORAD/USNORTHCOM.

The cost to attend the symposium, which includes a reception following the panel discussions, is \$200 per person. For \$30, people may attend only the reception. Seating is limited for the symposium. For registration, call Ms. Jeri Andrews at (719) 622-5107 or email Jerry.Andrews@ngc.com. For more information, call USNORTHCOM Public Affairs at (719) 554-6889.