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This month, the United States Northern Command will conduct Unified Defense 04, a major exercise designed to allow the command, Fifth Army, Joint Task Force Alaska and associated units to practice the Homeland Defense and Military Support to Civil Authorities missions. The exercise will run from February 19–25.

Unified Defense 04 will involve the Department of Homeland Security and more than 50 federal, state and local organizations primarily in Texas, Alaska, Colorado, Virginia and the National Capital Region.

A series of simulated natural disasters and simulated terrorist activities will take place during the exercise. Events include a Category IV hurricane, radiological events, maritime and port security events, and aerospace defense activities. Since most events are simulated, there will be few troop movements and little activity that will be apparent to the general public.

This exercise will also incorporate a North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) exercise (Vigilant Overview 04–2) in a scenario that will pose aerospace defense challenges to exercise participants.

Following is a list of scheduled media events in Alaska, Colorado and Texas during the exercise with points of contact for more information:

UD 04 Scheduled media events:

*Note: Please verify time and location of event with contact.*

### **17 Feb ? State of Texas exercise announcement & media background briefing**

What: Media briefing detailing exercise events in Texas and state participation in the exercise

When: 10:30 a.m. (CST)

Where: Austin, TX (Auditorium in the State Capitol Extension, Room E1.004)

Who: Texas Governor Rick Perry; Jay Kimbrough, Director of the Texas Office of Homeland Security; Gary Jones, FEMA Region 6 Deputy Director; and COL Gene Pino, UD 04 Exercise Director

Contact: Kathy Walt, (512) 463–1826

### **18 Feb ? U. S. Northern Command exercise background briefing to local/regional media**

What: Media briefing and tour of Headquarters USNORTHCOM building

When: 10 a.m. (MST)

Where: HQ NORAD & US Northern Command, Colorado Springs, CO (Peterson Air

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Who: COL Gene Pino, Exercise Director

Contact: Maj Eric Butterbaugh or Lt Col Rob Garza, (719) 554-6889

### **18 Feb ? Joint Task Force Alaska media background briefing**

What: Exercise briefing to local media

When: 10 a.m. (AST)

Where: Juneau, AK (Federal Building, 7th Floor, Coast Guard Conference Room)

Who: Admiral Jim Underwood, Principal Federal Official; Rod Swope, Juneau City Manager

Contact: Maj Brenda Campbell, (907) 552-2341 or LT Brad Wilson, (907) 463-2071

### **19 Feb ? 5th Army and FEMA Region 6 media briefing on hurricane response**

What: Briefing explaining local, state, and federal coordination of hurricane disaster response

When: 11 a.m. (CST)

Where: San Antonio, TX (Bldg 4015, Fort Sam Houston)

Who: Jay Kimbrough, Director of the Texas Office of Homeland Security; Justin DeMello, Federal Coordinating Officer; and COL Christopher Ellis, Defense Coordinating Officer

Contact: David Passey, FEMA, (940) 368-0210 or Margaret Broadbent, Fifth Army, (210) 221-2402

### **20 Feb ? FEMA Region 6 media briefing on radiological response**

What: Media briefing explaining state and federal response to simulated radiological events

When: 1 p.m. (CST)

Where: Denton, TX (FEMA Regional Operations Center, 800 N. Loop 288)

Who: Eric Tolbert, Principal Federal Official; Jay Kimbrough, Director of the Texas Office of Homeland Security; and COL Jefferson Ewing, Defense Coordinating Officer

Contact: Carrie Moorehead, FEMA (940) 898-5140

### **23 Feb ? JTF-Alaska media opportunity to cover Marine Safety and Security Team Exercise**

What: Media opportunity to cover response to simulated terrorist events

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When: TBD

Where: Juneau, AK

Contact: LT Brad Wilson, (907) 463-2071