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### Press Release

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Beginning August 18, the United States Northern Command will conduct Exercise Determined Promise 03, a major exercise designed to evaluate the command's ability to command and control multiple homeland defense and military assistance to civil authorities missions simultaneously. The exercise will take place from Aug 18 ? 28 in Clark County, Nev. and Colorado Springs, Colo.

The exercise will include a simulated hurricane, multiple simulated homeland defense events, wild land fires, and a simulated pneumonic plague outbreak in Clark County. The exercise order of events begins with officials from local, state and federal agencies coming together in Nevada to deal with the situations. County and state officials will activate their Emergency Operations Centers, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX will deploy personnel and equipment to Clark County. Finally, at the request of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense will join the integrated federal response in Clark County with personnel and equipment to assist in the public health emergency.

The multi-level exercise will serve to validate the USNORTHCOM organizational structure and concept of operations. In addition, this exercise will allow Clark County and the State of Nevada to be certain that they are providing citizens with the best planning for their protection, demonstrating that local, state, and federal officials are prepared to coordinate an effective response.

During DP-03, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) will conduct a one-day, live-fly exercise in Alaska as part of a continuous exercise program to test NORAD's ability to deal with potential airborne terrorist threats and interface with USNORTHCOM.

Below is a list of media events in Nevada and Colorado during the exercise with points of contact for more information.

#### **DP 03 Scheduled media events:**

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

#### **18 Aug ? Press Briefing and tour**

What: Press Briefing and tour of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC). Representatives from Clark County, State of Nevada, FEMA Region IX, and US Northern Command will brief.

When: 10 a.m.

Where: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact: Samantha Charles, 702-455-5534 or 702-376-3764

#### **19 Aug ? Press Briefing and tour**

What: Press Briefing by Governor Guinn (will include special advisor to the Governor for homeland security, chief of the division of emergency management, state public health officer, state adjutant general, acting director of the department of public safety, the FEMA Region IX director, and the DHS

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primary federal official.) Followed by a tour of the JIC.

When: 1 p.m.

Where: Division of Emergency Management, 2525 S. Carson St, Carson City, NV

Contact: Tom Jacobs 775-684-4779 or 775-721-4062

### **20 Aug ? Media Event**

What: Nevada National Guard and staging of the national medical stockpile.

When: Noon

Where: Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, NV

Contact: Lt April Conway 775-877-7252 or 775-287-5592

### **22 Aug ? Media Briefing**

What: Media briefing to provide an update on the exercise (the conclusion of full scale play by Clark County)

When: 11 a.m.

Where: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact: Samantha Charles, 702-455-5534 or 702-376-3764

### **25 Aug ? Media Briefing**

What: FEMA Region IX officials will provide an update on the exercise.

When: 10 a.m.

Where: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact: Jean Baker, 510-627-7006

### **25 Aug ? Media Briefing**

What: US Northern Command officials will provide an update on the exercise.

When: TBD

Where: US Northern Command Headquarters, Building 2, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Contact: Major Eric Butterbaugh, 719-554-2608 or 719-554-6889

### **27 Aug ? Media briefing and tour**

What: Briefing about JTF-CS role in the exercise and a tour of the deployed operation

When: 10 a.m.

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Where: Clark County National Guard Armory.

Contact: Lt Col Jim Sahli, 757-291-7061