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Media Opportunity

Fort Carson to conduct integrated protection exercise

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Fort Carson will conduct an integrated protection exercise May 6 to test the installation's response capabilities in the event of an emergency.

The exercise is expected to last several hours and will be staged around Carson Middle School with the potential for additional locations.

During the exercise, an increased presence of emergency personnel and "Exercise in Progress" signage can be expected around the area.

The exercise will include first responder operations (law enforcement, fire and emergency services); the establishment of the Emergency Operations Center by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security; and involvement of nearly every U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Carson staff element with some 4th Infantry Division assets in support of the exercise.

External partners, such as District 8, will also play a role in the exercise.

"Conducting this exercise is crucial in evaluating Fort Carson's ability to respond to emergencies," said Col. Erik Oksenvaag, garrison commander of Fort Carson. "The safety of our Soldiers, Families and civilians is a top priority of ours. We appreciate District 8's support in helping us to identify and improve our emergency response procedures so that we may better prepared in the future."

Service members, Families and civilian employees, and District 8 employees and students should expect an increase in traffic in the area and some delays in services as response elements from the garrison staff react to the scenario. Personnel should take additional precautions in this area and allow extra time for travel on post as necessary.



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The integrated protection exercise is a culmination of smaller exercises completed by the garrison staff throughout the year in order to ensure the post is prepared to respond to any potential emergency situation that may arise.

Media with questions or those interested in covering this event should RSVP by 4 p.m. Monday to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-4143/7525.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.

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