



Media Advisory

Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region
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Capital Shield 2012 to take place in National Capital Region

WHAT: Capital Shield 2011 is an interagency emergency management exercise conducted throughout the National Capital Region from October 17-20. The Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region will conduct a Field Training Exercise (FTX) and Command Post Exercise (CPX) using Homeland Defense (HLD) and Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) scenarios. This annual major training exercise trains and prepares the military to provide defense support to civil authorities and employ appropriate force protection measures on military installations throughout the National Capital Region. Capital Shield will bring more than 70 federal, state and local agencies together to realistically test the response to an event impacting District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland.

Over 70 participating agencies from DoD, local response agencies and local hospitals will perform mock rescues, triage, treat, and transport victims by helicopter and ambulance to area hospitals. The goal of the exercise is to ensure that government agencies at every level are prepared to take coordinated action to protect the public in the event of an actual disaster in the National Capital Region.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fairfax County Training Site, Lorton Youth Detention Center, Lorton, Va.

REGISTRATION:

Media interested in covering this training exercise must register by **2 p.m., Monday, October 17** to be placed on the credentialed media list; send an email to mediadesk@jfhqncr.northcom.mil with the following information: **media organization; names of personnel attending; contact phone number; email address to confirm receipt of your request; and vehicle(s) information (tags, make, model, year and color).**

Initial Media Briefing: Conducted at the training site in accordance with the media availability date and time.

DIRECTIONS TO FAIRFAX COUNTY TRAINING SITE, LORTON YOUTH DETENTION CENTER: From Washington, traveling I-95 South, exit Route 1 South to Lorton. Make a right turn on Furnace Road and drive about one mile to the Fairfax County Training Site, Lorton Youth Detention Center.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

- Media attending must have two forms of photo identification. **All drivers must have a current driver's license; valid/current vehicle registration and valid/current insurance card to match the vehicle you are driving to access the training site.**
- A security sweep of equipment will take place at the gate access point. Media will be credentialed upon successful inspection of their vehicle and upon examination of their required documentation as mentioned above (driver's license, registration, insurance).
- Media must indicate if they desire to bring live/satellite trucks due to rugged terrain and limited areas that are suitable for parking.
- There are no dining facilities and personnel are encouraged to bring lunch/snacks. Water will be provided.
- Media attending are encouraged to dress comfortably (outdoor rugged/casual).
- Residents should take note that this exercise will simulate the movement and treatment of mock victims to area hospitals. This exercise will not impact residents' ability to be promptly seen at a local hospital however residents may be exposed to people dressed up to look like they have been severely injured. Residents should not be alarmed. This is a planned exercise to test the regions capability to respond to a mass casualty scenario.
- Fairfax County Residents can expect an increase in helicopter traffic in the vicinity of Interstate 95 Exit 161 and the Lorton Training Facility due to the air operations scenarios. The helicopter activity is scheduled **Tuesday, October 18, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. and Wednesday, October 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please visit the Capital Shield 2011 website at <http://www.mdw.army.mil/capitalshield/index.htm>.