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REGIONAL EMERGENCY EXERCISE UNDER WAY

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Regional emergency management officials from Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair counties, in partnership with the Michigan Air National Guard, local hospitals and EMS agencies are conducting a training exercise to test the area's medical response to a simulated terrorist attack.

The exercise – Great Lakes Response 2004 – began Sept. 18 and continues through Sept. 30. Many of the activities involve internal meetings and communications, but will include military and emergency-response vehicle traffic from Friday, Sept. 24, through Tuesday, Sept. 28, that may be visible to the public. Also, simulated casualties will be assessed at participating hospitals.

The goal of the exercise – hosted by the Michigan National Guard at Selfridge, in conjunction with Region 2 North is to test the response capabilities of governmental agencies, area hospitals and other local emergency responders in the event of mass casualty emergencies.

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This is the first such exercise for the Region 2 North Bio-Terrorism Defense Network, which was created with grants from the federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered through the Michigan Department of Community Health's Office of Public Health Preparedness. The Region 2 North Network covers Macomb, St. Clair and Oakland counties and was created to enhance emergency preparedness planning and response for hospitals and EMS agencies in the event of a bio-terrorist incident.

Participants from the three counties include more than 20 hospitals; EMS agencies; the FBI; both Michigan state and local police; the Office of Public Health Preparedness; county health departments; emergency management offices; sheriffs and medical control authorities; local fire and EMS, and Selfridge personnel.

Specific exercise events include:

- Sept. 23, decontamination demonstration at Selfridge
- Sept. 24, Expeditionary Medical Support System (EMEDS) demonstration at Selfridge
- Sept. 25-28, release of exercise messages to participants concerning our bio-terrorist exercise scenario
- Sept. 27, AEROMedical training at Mount Clemens General Hospital
- Sept. 28, simulated casualties and interplay between participating hospitals, health departments, emergency management offices, medical control authorities and Selfridge
- Sept. 28, activation and operation of a neighborhood emergency help center and dispensing site in Mount Clemens
- Sept. 29, acute care center training session in Clinton Township and Waterford Township
- Sept. 30, exercise debriefing

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Editors Note: Media representatives are invited to attend the exercise activities of Sept. 28. Reporters must contact the 127th Wing Public Affairs Office at (586) 307-5576 if they would like to attend events at the base or have inquiries regarding the military portion of the Great Lakes Response 2004 exercise.

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