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USU Medical Teams Aid Construction Workers in Scaffolding Collapse

Bethesda, Md. – Medical teams assigned to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) rushed to the aid of injured construction workers after the collapse of scaffolding outside the university's administration building today, May 5, 2006.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:20 a.m. as a construction crew worked on exterior brick replacement for USU's Building A. One female and two male workers were injured in the scaffolding collapse. Staff physicians Cmdr. Sara Kass, U.S. Navy, and Col. R. Dana Bradshaw, U.S. Air Force, heard a loud noise, immediately responded to the scene and were quickly joined by other physicians, nurses and emergency medical personnel employed at the university.

All other construction workers were accounted for and authorities have deemed the scene stable and secure.

The cause of the collapse is unknown at this time and all work on the construction site has been suspended until further investigation is complete.

USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies. Many of the university's graduates are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

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