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USU Members Participate in Collaborative Mass Casualty Exercise

BETHESDA, Md. — The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) will participate in a mass casualty exercise in conjunction with the Bethesda Hospitals' Emergency Preparedness Partnership, Thursday, Oct. 18.

The 2007 Collaborative Multi-Agency Exercise (CMAX-2007) will take place on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exercise is an opportunity for NNMC, the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Center and Bethesda Hospitals to evaluate the partnerships of their emergency preparedness.

Members from USU will serve as evaluators and field triage team providers. In order to make the CMAX as realistic as possible it will include the use of moulage victims, emergency response personnel in full personal protective equipment, emergency support vehicles, smoke, sirens, alarms, and a series of helicopter landings/departures.

Located on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, the Uniformed Services University is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies.

Media interested in attending the exercise should contact the Office of External Affairs at (301) 295-1219.