

Urban Shield Biological Attack Test Planned

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Directorate (PFPA-CBRN), in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Arlington County will conduct a comprehensive evaluation and operational response test to **simulate** a biological release. The test will provide valuable information for PFPA's response to a biological release.

The test will consist of the release of a dust simulating a biological attack in the Pentagon South Parking Lot and the subsequent clean-up of roadways, people, and equipment after the release. This will include a number of Arlington emergency vehicles and public safety personnel. The exercise will help develop better responses in an actual emergency. Arlington County participation is part of an ongoing partnership with the Pentagon to improve safety, security, and emergency management.

Dependent upon favorable weather conditions, the primary date is Saturday, June 2 with alternate dates of June 3 or the weekend of June 16-17.

The only road closure will be eastbound South Gate Road from Orme Street to Columbia Pike; eastbound traffic will be diverted onto Orme Street from 6 a.m., to 12 noon. All other roads will remain open. Curiosity about the test may cause some traffic congestion in the immediate area.

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