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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sioux Falls, Flandreau Guard unit to deploy to Afghanistan

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard's 1742nd Transportation Company has received an alert order for possible mobilization to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 1742nd and its 169 assigned members are scheduled for deployment in the December 2013/January 2014 timeframe. The unit's headquarters is located in Sioux Falls and its Detachment 1 in Flandreau.

The mission of the 1742nd is to provide transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products.

The unit will report to Fort Hood, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas. This will be the second mobilization for the 1742nd, which deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003-2004.

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