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### Vibrant Response 14 kicks off in Indiana

**Camp Atterbury, Indiana** – About 5,500 military and civilian personnel from 28 U.S. states and territories are taking part in a major training event that simulates the response to a terrorist attack in the United States. The event is hosted by U. S. Army North, U. S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command

Vibrant Response 14, the nation's premier disaster response exercise, goes through Aug. 7 at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex and surrounding areas. The exercise includes participants from the Department of Defense, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and numerous other local, state, and federal agencies.

The exercise prepares both civilian and military lifesaving elements to work together and respond to a worst-case scenario event on the American home front. However, due to the extreme nature of the event, the skills the participants learn during the two-and-a-half week exercise prepare them to respond in a timely manner to just about any homeland disaster.

Some of the training will include urban and aerial search and rescue missions, simulated mass-decontamination operations, airlift, and medical training.

To cover this event, media should contact Capt. Michael Garza at 812-526-1499 ext. 61339/63169 or e-mail : [Michael.r.garza16.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Michael.r.garza16.mil@mail.mil)

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**NOTES FOR MEDIA:** Vibrant Response is a dynamic field training and command post exercise where media will see multi-story building and tunnel searches, rubble pile extractions, medical treatment of patients and aeromedical evacuations. This exercise will offer excellent still photo and video opportunities. Media who desire to cover the exercise but are unable to travel to Central and Southern Indiana have the opportunity to do live or live-to tape interviews with exercise participants via Defense Department provide satellite equipment. To schedule an interview contact Capt. Michael Garza. Footage of the exercise will also be available for download at: [dvidshub.net/feature/vibrantresponse14](http://dvidshub.net/feature/vibrantresponse14).