

Fast Facts:

June 12-19, 2008

Scenario:

- Major earthquake in south Reno
- Casualties
- Infrastructure damage
- Evacuations/displaced persons

Participants:

- Nevada National Guard
- Arizona National Guard
- California National Guard
- Guam National Guard
- Hawaii National Guard
- Idaho National Guard
- Utah National Guard
- Washington National Guard

Coordinating organizations and agencies:

- Local, county and state agencies
- National Guard Bureau
- U.S. Northern Command
- Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Helpful Terms

Civil Support Team (CST):

Assesses hazards, advises civil authorities, and facilitates military support during emergencies and incidents of mass destruction

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP): Responds to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives incidents by providing security, decontamination, medical support, and casualty search and extraction

VIGILANT GUARD

What is the Vigilant Guard exercise?

Vigilant Guard is an eight-day exercise hosted by the Nevada National Guard and the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management. It reinforces that all incidents are local and will test the capabilities of the Nevada Guard, the State Division of Emergency Management, local and county first responders, and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) – the process by which governors reach out to other states for assistance.

Specific National Guard homeland defense capabilities include the National Guard reaction forces, weapons of mass destruction civil support teams and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear enhanced response package teams. Other resources from the Guard include aerial damage assessment, medical evacuation, ground transportation and incident site security.

What is the exercise scenario?

The timely scenario is a 7.1 magnitude earthquake on the Mount Rose Fault System resulting in widespread property damage, economic disruptions, displaced citizens and guests in Nevada, and significant loss of life.

Who will participate?

More than 1,700 National Guardsmen from six western states and the Territory of Guam will participate – all under the command and control of the Governor of Nevada through EMAC.



These Guard forces will operate and train alongside other participants including Nevada county and state agencies, the Department of Homeland Security, and region IX Federal Emergency Management

