

Elements

Exercise: May 7-19 2007

- Multiple terrorist incidents in AK resulting in:
 - ✓ North Slope Pump Facility attack
 - ✓ North Pole Industrial Complex sabotage
 - ✓ Mass casualties in Fairbanks
 - ✓ Ft. Greely attack - incident of national significance
 - ✓ Mass casualties
- Participants:
 - ✓ Alaska National Guard
 - ✓ Idaho National Guard
 - ✓ Nebraska National Guard
 - ✓ National Guard Bureau
- Coordinating organizations and agencies:
 - ✓ Numerous local and state agencies
 - ✓ U.S. Northern Command
 - ✓ U.S. Attorney
 - ✓ U.S. Coast Guard
 - ✓ FEMA
 - ✓ Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
 - ✓ Immigrations and Customs Enforcement
 - ✓ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - ✓ Federal Aviation Administration
 - ✓ U.S. Customs and Border Protection
 - ✓ Transportation Safety Administration
 - ✓ Department of Transportation
 - ✓ Department of Public Safety
 - ✓ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
 - ✓ Civil Air Patrol

Helpful Term

Civil Support Team (CST):

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

"NORTHERN EDGE"



What is Exercise “Northern Edge?” A joint training exercise designed to test military and civilian responses and coordination capabilities should multiple terrorist incidents occur throughout the state of Alaska. This exercise will test the integration capabilities between the National Guard’s civil support, aviation, security, and communications teams, along with civilian first responders.

What is the exercise scenario? Multiple simulated terrorist attacks requiring response and consequence management will occur during the 11-day exercise. Simulated attacks will be launched on: a North Pole industrial complex, a North Slope pumping facility, a mass casualty incident in the City of Fairbanks, and an improvised explosive device discovered in transit from Seward, AK.

Who will participate? More than 200 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from Alaska, Idaho and Nebraska will work alongside state and federal government and non-governmental response agencies including: the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10.

Why does the National Guard exercise with civil authorities?

Exercise “Northern Edge” presents both civilian first response agencies and the National Guard – *the first military responder* - an opportunity to participate in a full range of training scenarios that will better prepare all participants to respond to a local, state and/or national crisis. The National Guard exercises along with state and civil authorities to better improve the unity of effort between all first response agencies in the event of a disaster. The unity of effort established by these training exercises better equips civilian and military entities to operate seamlessly in a joint environment.



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