

Governor Jim Gibbons



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MEDIA ADVISORY

Governor Jim Gibbons will hold a news conference Thursday, June 12, at 10 a.m., to announce details of Vigilant Guard '08, a full-scale emergency preparedness exercise involving seven western states. The news conference will be at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) located at 2478 Fairview Dr. in Carson City (directions below).

Following the news conference, members of the media will be able to tour the SEOC and see it in operation, as well as tour the Nevada National Guard's Joint Operations Center. Media will then be invited to view firsthand a live exercise involving a rubble pile in Washoe County at 1:00 PM.

Vigilant Guard '08, June 12-19, will involve 2,000 participants from emergency response agencies in six Nevada counties – Carson, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey and Washoe – and National Guard units from seven western states.

Joining Governor Gibbons at the news conference will be Nevada Division of Emergency Management Chief Frank Siracusa, Major General Cynthia Kirkland, the adjutant general of the Nevada National Guard, and State Geologist Jonathan Price, director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, which includes the Seismological Laboratory at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The briefing will provide media full details about the week-long exercise, why it is being held, who is involved, and specific events to be staged at a variety of sites in northern Nevada. Speakers are scheduled to be available for one-on-one interviews.

Directions: From Reno, U.S. Highway 395 south to Fairview Drive (on south end of Carson City at the Nevada State Railroad Museum); turn east on Fairview, go 1.5 miles to DEM on your left. Gated entrance is just past the intersections with Edmunds Drive. Tell gate guard that you are there for the Vigilant Guard '08 Media Briefing in the DEM.

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