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## **Tennessee Military Department Conducts Active Aggressor Exercise**

Nashville, Tenn. - When it comes to emergencies, you can never be too prepared. In order to have a plan in place for the worst kind of incidents and disasters, the Tennessee National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., conducted an Active Aggressor (Active Shooter) Exercise today. The exercise was conducted in cooperation with the Metro Nashville Police Department, the Nashville Fire Department and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. During the 2 hour exercise the multi-acre complex was locked down with no one able to enter or leave the area.

The exercise established procedures, and allowed for employees of the Joint Force Headquarters to practice those procedures in the event of an actual emergency.

Guard Soldiers and Airmen acted as victims, both injured and non injured, and were scattered throughout the Headquarters complex. Metro Emergency Medical Personnel treated and evacuated the "wounded" role players as law enforcement personnel swept the area to locate and neutralize the shooters. Personnel were evacuated by Metro Police to a safe area within the complex.

"The safety of our employees is a top priority for everyone involved," said Maj. Gen. Max Haston, Tennessee's Adjutant General. "With recent incidents taking place across the country, we will continue to conduct training exercises such as this to help ensure a safe working environment. We appreciate the Metropolitan Nashville Police and Nashville Fire Departments and all the other agencies involved for their support in our preparation efforts."

"We feel the exercise was an overall success," said Randy Harris, Director of Joint Public Affairs for the Military Department. "We identified some issues that we can certainly improve on, but the procedures we have in place worked well and we will continue to work with our civilian partners to refine those plans for the future."

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**Full Resolution Photos Are Attached!**

**PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

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Metro Police Lt. Floyd Hyde briefs Tennessee National Guard Lt. Col Travis Powell, Safety Director, and other Metro Police Officers prior to the National Guard Active Aggressor Exercise today at National Guard Headquarters on Sidco Drive.

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A Tennessee Army National Guard Soldier is injury molauged prior to the National Guard Active Aggressor Exercise today at National Guard Headquarters on Sidco Drive.

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Metro Fire EMT's treat a "casualty" during the the National Guard Active Aggressor Exercise today at National Guard Headquarters on Sidco Drive.