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**ORBIT COMET EXERCISE TO TEST INTER-AGENCY
RESPONSE TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS**

FAYETTEVILLE – An exercise involving local, regional, state and federal response teams will take place over several days next week, beginning on Tuesday, June 6 and concluding on Saturday, June 10.

The exercise activities will center around the area of the former Public Works Commission building on Russell and B streets in Fayetteville.

The emergency response professionals participating in the Orbit Comet exercise include law enforcement, bomb squad, fire, rescue and hazardous material teams. Fort Bragg will be sending a hazardous materials team to work directly with the City of Fayetteville team. Also, the newly-formed Collapse Rescue Team will conduct an operational readiness test as part of the drill. Although the exercise activities are designed to test first responders in a terrorism event, the skills being honed are important for response to any incident.

Citizens are to be advised that there will be an unusual concentration of emergency vehicle traffic around the exercise area at Russell and B Streets. Drivers and pedestrians are urged to use caution when traveling around this area at any time between June 6 and 10. Message boards along Russell Street will remind citizens of the exercise activities during the week.

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