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Utah National Guard Hosts Media Day for Homeland Response Force

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard’s Homeland Response Force (HRF) will host a media day Wednesday, July 18, at 11 a.m. at the Salt Lake County Fire Training Facility in Magna.

The HRF is currently undergoing an external evaluation from the Department of Defense’s Joint Interagency Training and Education Center. Once it successfully completes the evaluation it will be authorized to respond in support of local authorities.

The Homeland Response Force (HRF) was announced in 2010 and began organizing last year to assist local and regional authorities in response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-explosive (CBRNE) incidents.

Members of the Utah Guard’s 600-member HRF are trained to and serve as a bridge between local first responders and the follow-on federal response in order to save lives and mitigate human suffering.

“The HRF is here to support the local civilian jurisdictions and responders until an incident is under control,” said Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, spokesman for the Utah National Guard. “The Utah National Guard has always had a special relationship with our communities, and we serve and help where we can.”

Media Notes: The Salt Lake County Fire Training Facility is located at 3950 S. 8000 W. in Magna. For more information, please contact Maj. Bruce Roberts at (801) 716-9052.