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Media Release

Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security Announces It's First Full Scale Search and Rescue Exercise

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (NDEM) is pleased to announce *Green Light*, a Full Scale Exercise (FSE) scheduled for August 17 -19, 2012. Under Statute NRS 414.170-260, the NDEM establishes the Search and Rescue Program and provides resources to the sheriffs upon request. The sheriffs in each county are statutorily responsible for Search and Rescue within their county per NRS 248-092.

The exercise is designed to be coordinated with several other jurisdictions in an exercise series comprised of numerous exercises, drills, and other preparedness activities utilizing a progressive approach. These activities include participation by local, state, and federal agencies that would support response efforts during a real severe weather incident in Nevada. The scenario is designed to have extreme conditions that sweep west to east causing much damage, power outages, transportation corridor issues, road wash outs, down aircraft and missing persons. Sheriffs, Deputies and Volunteers, from eight of Nevada's counties will be participating in a particular incident caused by the storm.

Amongst the scenarios are: a helicopter crash in the Ruby Mountains south of Elko, a stranded rancher in Pershing County, a plane crash in a remote area of Lyon County, an overdue solo climber in the mountains near Lake Tahoe, and an injured motorcyclist in Storey County.

Green Light will further develop and strengthen regional partnerships and enhance emergency preparedness, response, and prevention capabilities.

The participating agencies are listed as follows:

Eight counties: Carson City, Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Lyon, Pershing, Storey and Washoe County

Four federal agencies: The National Weather Service, Fallon Naval Air Station, Air Force Coordination Center and the Civil Air Patrol.

State Agencies: Nevada Air National Guard, Nevada Army National Guard and the Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security.

Media from the local jurisdictions are welcome to contact their law enforcement partners for more insight on the exercises taking place in that county.



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