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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense)

SUBJECT: DETERMINED PROMISE 03 Homeland Defense Exercise

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- DETERMINED PROMISE 03, the exercise held August 18-26 to evaluate Northern Command's ability to decisively manage multiple homeland and civil support missions, was a success.
- DP 03 included an extensive bioterrorism scenario in Las Vegas, Nevada, involving the actual deployment of over 300 Joint Task Force Civil Support personnel in response to a request from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The exercise scenario also included derailment of a train carrying munitions in Kentucky, with the deployment of a Quick Reaction Force.
- DP 03 involved over 50 Federal (primarily from the Department of Homeland Security), state and local response agencies. Over 3000 personnel participated.
- ASD(HD) represented the Secretary of Defense during two August 21 domestic events conferences – maritime and air, and participated throughout DP 03, including exercise venues at Peterson Air Force Base and Clark County, Nevada, and in the after-action review at Northern Command Headquarters.
- The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff attended the VIP Media Day on August 26, and viewed Joint Task Force Civil Support actions in Clark County, Nevada.
- General Ed Eberhart, Combatant Commander of Northern Command, and I both feel the exercise demonstrates that Northern Command is ready to assume full operational capability on October 1, 2003.
- Attached are two documents: the first presents the DP03 exercise scenario, and the second outlines the VIP Media Day activities.

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Attachments:

As stated

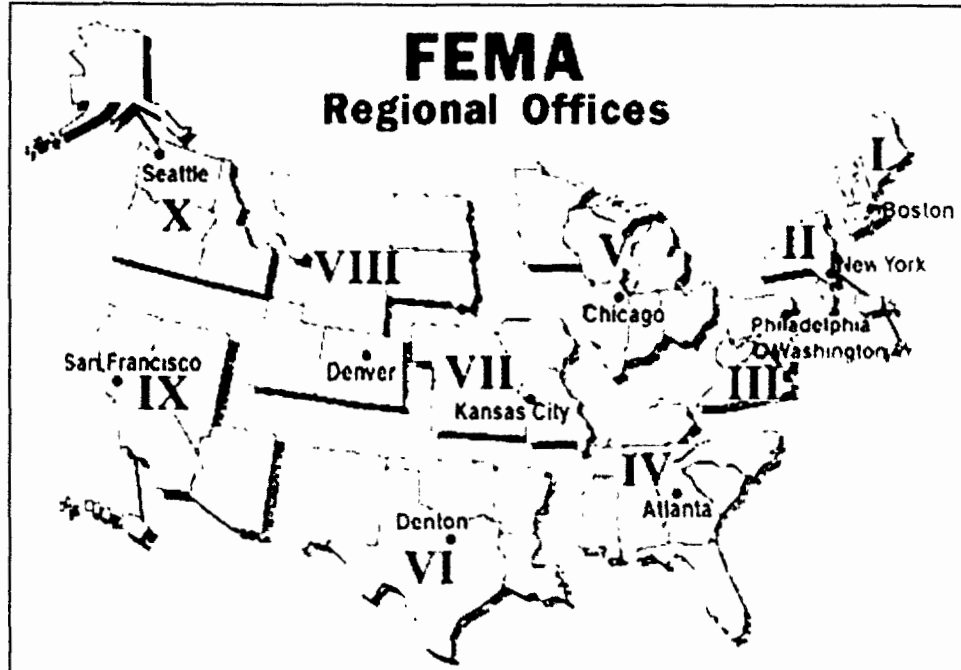


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Determined Promise-03



Overall Exercise Activities

- ☐ Wildfires in West
- ☐ 2003 World Gymnastic Championship in Calif.
- ☐ Bioterrorist induced plague in Nevada
- ☐ Sustained, diverse maritime events
- ☐ Air threat to Alaska
- ☐ Strategic infrastructure threats in NW USA
- ☐ Threat to outload ports
- ☐ Cat III Hurricane in Southeast United States
- ☐ Quick Reaction Force Deployment to KY/TN
- ☐ Intel Threats, High Interest Vessels
- ☐ Terrorist bombings in U.S. and Overseas
- ☐ Shipping, security issues in Alaska

Exercise Determined Promise 2003 in Nevada provides a unique opportunity to observe the complete execution of the Federal Response Plan. The exercise begins with a bio-terror release of pneumonic plague and concludes with full federal assistance to the state. Determined Promise 03 will demonstrate how federal assets are used to support the local responders. This exercise will provide interesting insight into how the state of Nevada responds to a terrorist attack, and, how the Department of Defense is utilized as a supporting element of the Federal Response Plan.





Determined Promise-03 (Nevada)

Nevada VIP Visit

August 25, 2003

1800-1900

DP-03 Briefing @ Stratosphere -
www.stratospherehotel.com

No Host Social @ Stratosphere

1900 - ?

Aug. 26, 2003

Breakfast on Your Own

9 a.m.

Pick up, Stratosphere Hotel

9:30-10:30 a.m.

GRP 1

JTF-CS Command Post Orientation

GRP 2

Disaster Field Office/Clark Co. EOC

GRP 3

Task Force Location

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Emergency Plans Brief, Nellis

Officers' Club

12:30 p.m.-1:30

Lunch - Nellis Officers' Club

1:30 p.m.

Depart Nellis Officers' Club

2-3 p.m.

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3:30-4:30 p.m.

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4:30 p.m.

Return to Stratosphere

Exercise Objectives

- Exercise w/responders at the DHS EP & R, State, and Local level
- Produce a BIO OPOD
- Respond to a BIO Agent (Plague)
- Refine JTF-CS deployment Procedures (JPAC, HQ, JTF-CS (Fwd), JRSOI, & Comms packages
- Refine IM & reach-back procedures
- Conduct C2 of Sub-unit TFs & DCE
- Conduct JOC Operations

Exercise Concept

- JTF used as Operational Level HQ conducting Tactical operations in support of LFA
 - Single event
- Apportioned core forces TF HQ's employed
- Consequence Management Command & Control focus, Planning phase complete
 - OPLAN Forces Flow into JRSOI
- Local, State and Federal participation
 - EPLOs used for Coordination
- Civil Support Team participation

