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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Alaska Air Guard conducting active shooter exercise at downtown recruiting station

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – Members of the Alaska Air National Guard assigned at Eielson Air Force Base outside of Fairbanks will conduct a tabletop exercise Sept. 28 in preparation for an active shooter response exercise that will occur within the next few months.

A small group of security forces personnel from the 168th Wing will collaborate with Air National Guard recruiters at the Fairbanks ANG Recruiting Station to prepare for their upcoming emergency action plan active shooter response exercise.

The team will discuss a hypothetical chronological order of events and appropriate responses that may occur if an active shooter situation were to transpire at that location during some time in the future. They will practice the guidance they would provide to visitors that may be present at the station and local law enforcement response expectations.

Local law enforcement will not be involved in this “tabletop” exercise, but will play active roles in the exercise later this calendar year. Additional military notification channels and systems will be tested as part of the exercise to ensure timely command notifications.

The follow-on exercise that will occur at a later date will be a large-scale, role-playing and response event that will include planned, integrated storefront security additions in compliance with new Department of Defense directives.

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Details:

What: 168th Wing conducts active shooter exercise

When: Thursday, Sept. 28th, at 1 p.m.

Where: Air National Guard Recruiting Office, 505 Old Steese Hwy., Suite 124, Fairbanks, Alaska

Note: Media are not invited to the Sept. 28 tabletop exercise, but will be invited to the future exercise, which will provide more interest and imagery. The Sept. 28 “tabletop” would provide imagery that appears to be a meeting in progress.