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Rural operations to Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta as part of exercise Arctic Eagle 2020

FAIRBANKS, Alaska – The Alaska National Guard, Alaska State Defense Force, and New Hampshire NG's 12th Civil Support Team will travel to Bethel on Saturday, Feb. 29 as part of exercise Arctic Eagle 2020 and Maj. Gen. Torrence Saxe's, AKNG commander and Alaska Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs commissioner, initiative to strengthen department's ties with rural communities.

The Bethel armory will serve as an exercise venue for the AKNG, ASDF and 12th CST to simulate a scenario designed to validate equipment and procedures for operations in rural, arctic environments. The team of 20 personnel will stay overnight at the armory to conduct a simulated Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive material response mission. During the exercise, they will establish a sick call medical facility within the armory and test long range communications equipment with personnel as far away as the Alcantra armory in Wasilla.

Upon completion of the training exercise, the AKNG and ASDF will hold meetings with tribal leadership to discuss domestic operations and contingency planning in the event the NG is called to respond to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area.

Venue leadership will travel to Quinhagak on the morning of Mar. 1 to further discuss contingency operations with tribal leadership.

Who: ASDF and NHNG's 12th CST
What: Rural operations, CBRNE exercise and communications testing
Where: Bethel armory
When: Saturday, Feb. 29, 3 p.m.

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