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Alaska National Guard medevac to conduct emergency response and evacuation training in Mat-Su and Anchorage areas

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska —The Alaska National Guard's 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment will conduct an emergency response exercise in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, June 7.

UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter aircrews will evacuate mock patients from several areas in Mat-Su and transport them to the Providence hospital helicopter landing pad at around 12 p.m. This exercise will be the first time the unit has supported three simultaneous patient movement requests, simulating a mass casualty scenario.

The training exercise is a requirement for the unit's nationally certified critical care flight paramedics and medevac aircrews for aeromedical evacuation support activities and validating their emergency response plans.

The Alaska Army National Guard originally fielded a three aircraft medevac unit in 2016 and has grown to a six aircraft unit in the past year. The unit has successfully trained on single aircraft medevac missions and has validated that training by executing numerous real-world rescue support missions in Alaska.

The primary mission of medical personnel in the military is to save lives. In order to do that, the unit must continually assess and build their readiness. The mass casualty scenario provides relevant, challenging, and realistic training that will continue to challenge the unit's core abilities and build readiness that will support their fellow Alaskans and the nation when called upon.

Details:

What: AKNG 207th Aviation Regiment to conduct emergency training exercise

When: June 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., subject to change

Where: Departing from Bryant Army Airfield on JBER, followed by various locations in the Mat-Su region and Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage

Note: This is a notice for the public.

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Alaska Air National Guard aviation Soldiers assigned to the 207th Aviation Regiment hover over a training area on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in their UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter (Courtesy photo)