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## Emergency Response Exercise Set for Saturday

### ***State Agencies, Local Partners Will Train to Respond to Emergencies, Protect Nebraskans***

LINCOLN, Neb. – An emergency response exercise, involving multiple state agencies and community partners, is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at two locations in Lancaster County. Area first responders planned this exercise as an opportunity to hone their skills after examining the response to this spring's flood.

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, the Nebraska National Guard and Nebraska Task Force 1, among others, will provide support and assets to the Hickman Volunteer Fire Department, which will respond to a simulated small airplane crash at Stagecoach Lake.

The exercise, Operation Titan Fall, is designed to improve efficiency in air-to-ground communication and resource allocation during a simulated emergency water rescue at Stagecoach Lake. After retrieval from the lake, simulated patients will be flown to CHI Health St. Elizabeth. Hospital staff will respond as they would in a mass-casualty incident.

**What:** Operation Titan Fall is a full-scale exercise conducted at two locations in Lancaster County

**When:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 19, 2019

- 10:15 a.m. photo/video availability of helicopter landing with simulation patients at CHI Health St. Elizabeth, the Nebraska National Guard and Nebraska Task Force 1
- 11:30 a.m. on-camera interview availability with representatives from at CHI Health St. Elizabeth
- 2:30 p.m. photo/video availability at Stagecoach Lake

**Where:** **CHI Health St. Elizabeth** – Media staging area is near the north entrance of the emergency room on the west side of the hospital, 555 S. 70<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln. Media is welcome to park at the CHI Health St. Elizabeth Cancer Center on the south side of the Emergency Department.

**Stagecoach Lake** – Media staging area is on the north side of the lake. From the north: Take 54<sup>th</sup> Street south of Stagecoach Road and use the second left. From the south: take the third right from Panama Road and 54<sup>th</sup> Street. **See attached maps.**

**Who:** 911 Communications, Bryan Health Hospitals, Nebraska National Guard, City of Lincoln Radio Shop, CHI Health St. Elizabeth, Hickman Volunteer Fire Department, Lancaster County Sheriff, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Lincoln Police Department, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Nebraska Taskforce 1.

**Why:** Practice tactics, techniques and procedures used between first-responders during an emergency.

**Media:** **Media members attending the event are requested to RSVP no later than Oct. 18, 2019** by contacting: Jodie Fawl at 402-471-7428, 402-326-3179 or emailing [jodie.fawl@nebraska.gov](mailto:jodie.fawl@nebraska.gov). Media staging areas are identified on the attached map and media members covering the event are asked to not interact with exercise participants during exercise execution. You will need media credentials to cover this exercise.

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The Operation Titan Fall exercise is scheduled in Lincoln and at Stage Coach Lake, near West 68<sup>th</sup> and Panama Road, on Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exercise will test air-to-ground communications between first responders and Nebraska National Guard Helicopters, hospital mass casualty response, water rescue capabilities and the response capabilities of area organizations.

Six helicopter landings are scheduled at CHI Health St. Elizabeth throughout the day and at Stagecoach Lake. The National Guard helicopters will drop off role players serving as accident victims who were involved in a staged plane/boat crash at Stagecoach Lake. Three flights are scheduled in the morning and three in the afternoon as a part of the exercise. Note: L Street, which runs east to west on the north side of the hospital will be closed while the National Guard helicopters are landing.

The public is cautioned to avoid areas that have been cordoned off by law enforcement or hospital personnel and to follow instructions of exercise controllers at Stagecoach Lake.

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**CHI Health St. Elizabeth, 555 S. 70<sup>th</sup> St.**



# Stagecoach Lake

