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**NEBRASKA MILITARY DEPARTMENT TO
CONDUCT CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS
EXERCISE, AUGUST 27-30**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Military Department will conduct a major continuity of operations exercise, Thursday, Aug. 27, thru Sunday, Aug. 30. During the exercise, the Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska, will not be available for use, thus requiring members of the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to operate from their alternate work sites.

The exercise is designed to test the department's Joint Force Headquarters staffs' ability to provide critical support to civil authorities while maintaining its ability to perform its federal mission requirements. In particular, the exercise will focus upon the organization's ability to manage and coordinate major disaster responses while also reestablishing its ability to conduct its mission essential functions.

This will mark the second time in approximately two years that the Nebraska Military Department has conducted an exercise of this type, however it will be the first time that the Guard has conducted an exercise at this scale. In the past, only a portion of the staffs relocated to the organization's alternate work sites. During this year's exercise, however, the entirety of the Joint Force Headquarters will be relocated and the building shut down.

Due to the nature of the exercise and the fact that the Military Department's Joint Force Headquarters will be vacated, patrons are cautioned that the personnel and support services that are normally conducted at the headquarters will also be paused.

"This exercise is an opportunity to test our plan," said Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac, Nebraska adjutant general. "We know what we want to do in the event we ever have to relocate from our current location. However, our experience tells us that the plan is only as good as the paper it's written on if you don't test it. That's what we will do and our ability to serve the Governor and the citizens of this state will be stronger for it."

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NOTE: The Nebraska National Guard Public Affairs Office will be participating in the exercise. To contact the Public Affairs Office during the exercise, please contact the department switchboard at the temporary (402) 471-7235.