

NORTHERN COLORADO

UNITE FULL-SCALE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE

JUNE 5, 2019

Civic Center Park | Old Town Fort Collins
The Ranch | Loveland

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KEY MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC:

- Help us prepare to help you. For the safety of the public and exercise participants, we ask that you use alternative routes on June 5, 2019, to avoid exercise locations around Civic Center Park in Old Town Fort Collins and The Ranch in Loveland.
- Emergency services will not be impacted during the exercise. If you are experiencing an emergency, please dial 911.

WHO & WHAT:

- Multiple agencies from northern Colorado are participating in a full-scale, simulated emergency exercise.
- Full list of participating agencies provided on pages 4-5

WHEN:

June 5, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Two separate locations:

1. [The Ranch](#) Larimer County's Event Complex in Loveland
2. [Larimer County Justice Center](#) in Old Town Fort Collins, at and around Civic Center Park

WHY:

The UNITE Exercise is intended to test northern Colorado's first responder's arrangements for preparing for, and responding to, a multi-location, multi-victim incident. It is expected to identify areas of strength and reveal opportunities for improvement for participating agencies.

FAQS

What is the purpose of the full-scale exercise (FSE) UNITE?

Multiple agencies from northern Colorado are participating in a full-scale, simulated emergency exercise.

Who organized FSE UNITE?

Many individuals and agencies across northern Colorado helped in the organization of this event. However, Lori Hodges, Larimer County Office of Emergency Management Director, was the primary organizer.

How many people are involved in FSE UNITE?

- South location incident participants = 79
- South location side exercise staff = 32
- South side volunteers = 57
- *South side total = 168*

- North location incident participants = 108
- North location side exercise staff = 37
- North side volunteers = 67
- *North side total = 212*

- Other exercise staff = 48

- **GRAND TOTAL= 428**

What is the scenario they are responding to?

- The scenario is kept secret until after the exercise to most closely replicate a real experience for the exercise participants.
- Media on site will be given a scenario synopsis by the PIO on site. Any media personnel can request at scenario synopsis after the end of the exercise by emailing mbird@larimer.org

FAQS CONTINUED...

What is the difference between incident participants and exercise staff?

- **Incident participants** are the first responders and other emergency personnel that will be responding to the simulated incident like a real-life scenario. For the most part, this will be police departments, fire departments, and EMS. For a full list of agencies that are participating in the exercise, see page 4.
- **Exercise staff** are those individuals behind the scene, helping the exercise run safely and smoothly. This includes volunteer coordinators, safety officers, evaluators, make-up artists, controllers, credentialing staff, public information officers, and simulation cell staff. For a full list of agencies that are helping with exercise staff, see pages 4-5.

How often do you hold a full-scale emergency exercise?

Full-scale Exercises are labor and time intensive, so they are typically on done on this scale once every 7-10 years. Agencies across northern Colorado participate in multiple smaller exercises each year and more focused full-scale exercises for specific agencies.

Can we take video or photo of the exercise?

- Yes, media can take video or photography from the designated media staging location. Please see the section below for covering the event on-site.
- Video segments of the exercise can be provided to media upon request to mbird@larimer.org.

Can the media cover the exercise at one of the locations?

- Yes, we welcome our media partners to experience FSE UNITE on location.
- Media will need to be on site before the start of the exercise and will be required to stay in the media staging area.
- A PIO will be provided at both sites to answer questions and help arrange any post-exercise interviews.

North Site Info

Location: Civic Center Park
(LaPorte Ave. btwn Howes St. and Mason St.)
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Arrive by: 10:50 am

PIO: Rachael Gonzales, Wellington Fire
PIO Contact: 970-566-3880 or rgonzales@wfpd.org

South Site Info

Location: The Ranch Events Complex
4290 Arena Cr.
Loveland, CO 80538

Arrive by: 10:00 am

PIO: Katie O'Donnell, Larimer Health Department
PIO Contact: 970-646-1756 or kodonnell@larimer.org

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Incident Participants:

American Red Cross
ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services)
Banner Health
Berthoud Fire
Colorado State Patrol
CSU Police Department
Fort Collins Public Information
Fort Collins Police Department
Fort Collins Utilities
Front Range Fire Rescue
Greeley Fire Department
Johnstown Police Department
Larimer County Health & Environment Department
Larimer County Justice Center

Larimer County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocates
Loveland Communications
Loveland Dispatch Center
Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
Loveland Police Department
Poudre Fire Authority
Poudre School District
Thompson School District
Thompson Valley EMS
UCHealth EMS
UCHealth EMS - Livermore Fire
UCHealth Hospitals
Wellington Fire Protection District
Windsor Severance Fire Rescue

Exercise Staff:

27J Schools Emergency Response
Adams 12 Schools
Adams County Office of Emergency Management
American Red Cross
Arapahoe County SO
Banner Health
Banner Health Office of Emergency Management
Berthoud Fire
Brighton Police Department

Broomfield Office of Emergency Management Intern
Bureau of Reclamation
Centers for Disease Control
City and County of Denver
City of Brighton Office of Emergency Management
City of Fort Collins
City of Fort Collins 911

City of Fort Collins Public Information
City of Fort Collins Police Department
City of Fort Collins Utilities
City of Fort Collins Water Quality Engineer
City of Greeley Office of Emergency Management
City of Loveland
City of Loveland Dispatch
City of Loveland Police Department
CO Department of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management
Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management
Colorado Springs Police Department
Colorado Springs Utilities
Colorado State University
CSU Dispatch
CSU Police
FEMA Region VIII

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Exercise Staff Continued...

FEMA Region VIII Regional Exercise Officer
Frederick Firestone Office of Emergency Management
Global Crisis Preparedness and Response
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Kit Carson County Office of Emergency Management
Lake County Office of Emergency Management
Larimer Department of Health & Environment
Larimer County Justice Center
Larimer County Office of Emergency Management
Larimer County Public Affairs Department
Larimer County Risk Management Department
Larimer County Search & Rescue
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Larimer County The Ranch Complex & Event Center
Larimer Emergency Telephone Auth.
Logan County Office of Emergency Management
Longmont County Office of Emergency Management
Loveland Fire Rescue Authority
Northern Water
Poudre Fire Authority
Poudre School District

Poudre School District
Pueblo County Emergency Management

Salamander System
Salvation Army
Summit County Sheriff's Office

Sunrise Community Health
Team Rubicon
The Ranch Events Complex
Thompson School District
Thompson Valley EMS
Thompson Valley EMS
Timnath Police Department
UC Denver Police
UCHealth
UCHealth EMS
United Way of Weld County
US Forest Service

Weld County Office of Emergency Management
Wellington Fire Protection District
Windsor Severance Fire Rescue
Wood GIS