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**168th Wing prepares for active shooter response exercise**

Air National Guard security forces and recruiters prepare in Fairbanks

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Members of the Alaska Air National Guard assigned at Eielson Air Force Base outside of Fairbanks will conduct a tabletop exercise today in preparation for an active shooter response exercise that will occur within the next few months.

A small group of security forces personnel from the 168th Wing will collaborate with Air National Guard recruiters at the Fairbanks ANG Recruiting Station to prepare for their upcoming emergency action plan active shooter response exercise.

The team will discuss a hypothetical chronological order of events and appropriate responses that may occur if an active shooter situation were to transpire at that location during some time in the future. They will practice the guidance they would provide to visitors that may be present at the station and local law enforcement response expectations.

Local law enforcement will also meet with ANG members to formulate a quick and effective response, coordination and notification in the event of an active shooter. Additional military notification channels and systems will be tested as part of the exercise to ensure timely command notifications.

The follow-on exercise that will occur at a later date will be a large-scale, role-playing and response event that will include planned, integrated storefront security additions in compliance with new Department of Defense directives.

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Note: Media are not invited to today's tabletop exercise, but will be invited to the future exercise, which will provide more interest and imagery. Today's "tabletop" would provide imagery that appears to be a meeting in progress.