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****Media Advisory****

**Nevada National Security Site Delivers One-of-a-Kind
Training to Local First Responders This Week**

WHAT: [Counterterrorism Operations Support](#) (CTOS) at the [Nevada National Security Site](#) (NNSS) is delivering a one-of-a-kind training to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department this week to help local law enforcement learn how to take immediate, decisive action to respond to terrorist use of radiological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The weeklong, intensive training – provided by NNSS CTOS instructors – teaches local law enforcement how to respond to the potential use of radiation exposure devices, improvised nuclear devices, and radiation dispersal devices (RDDs), including dirty bombs. A dirty bomb is a type of RDD that usually combines a conventional explosive, such as dynamite, with radioactive material.

CTOS instructors will lead course participants in hands-on activities, including how to don and doff PPE when responding to a potential emergency. Participants will also safely train with radioactive material in scenario-based drills at the LVMPD All-Hazard Regional Multi-agency Operations and Response (ARMOR) facility at the North Las Vegas Airport. During the exercises, first responders will encounter obstacles designed to challenge, train and prepare them for radiological response.

The in-person training is designed so that participants receive only minimal radiation exposure (equivalent to a standard chest X-ray or a typical round-trip airline flight across the U.S.). The radiation levels are sufficient to learn techniques required in an actual incident involving much higher radiation levels. Each participant operates and employs radiation detection and measurement instruments throughout the course.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 13
1 to 3 p.m.

WHERE: North Las Vegas Airport
2730 Airport Dr.
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

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DETAILS: CTOS – a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium – supports homeland security by pairing extensive radiological expertise with the unique assets of the NNSS to deliver realistic, high-quality training and course materials at no cost to eligible participants.

CTOS instructors take the field training courses on the road to state, local and tribal governments across the country, and also provide training opportunities at the NNSS. The Incident Exercise Site (T-1) is located 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, in a remote, highly secure area of the NNSS, and provides nuclear and radiological emergency response capabilities and training programs to law enforcement, EMS, fire and rescue, health care, and other personnel.

Since 1998, CTOS has trained more than 275,000 students.

MEDIA: Media will be allowed to video, interview, and interact with CTOS training staff and course participants.

Media interested in attending should contact Natalie Bruzda at 702-624-2355 or BruzdaNR@nv.doe.gov.

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The NNSS and its related facilities help ensure the security of the United States and its allies by: supporting the stewardship of the nation’s nuclear deterrent; providing nuclear and radiological emergency response capabilities and training; contributing to key nonproliferation and arms control initiatives; executing national-level experiments in support of the National Laboratories; working with national security customers and other federal agencies on important national security activities; and providing long-term environmental stewardship of the NNSS’s Cold War legacy.

The NNSS is managed and operated by Mission Support and Test Services LLC (MSTS). MSTS is a limited liability company consisting of Honeywell International Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., and HII Nuclear. The NNSS falls under the jurisdiction of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy. The Site’s operations are government-controlled and contractor-operated, and are overseen by NNSA’s Nevada Field Office, headquartered in North Las Vegas.

For more information on the NNSS, visit www.nnss.gov.

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