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DURHAM, N.H. - The New Hampshire National Guard's 12th Civil Support Team (CST) and the Maine National Guard will be on campus Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, beginning at 8 a.m. to conduct emergency response exercises in two UNH buildings – the Memorial Union Building and Hubbard Hall. These exercises are being conducted in cooperation with the University Police Department. As a result, the Memorial Union Building – including the food court, the copy center and the computer store -- will be closed, and parking will be limited in C-lot.

"We are very excited to have members of the CST here to share their expertise as part of our campus emergency preparedness efforts," says Paul Dean, UNH's director of emergency management. "The team is a great resource for the university in the event of an emergency, and any opportunity to train with them makes us more prepared, and results in better coordination between federal, state and local emergency resources."

The mission of the CST is to support local authorities during a domestic chemical, biological or radiological incident. The CST has the ability to identify agents and substances, assess current and projected consequences, advise on response measures, and assist with appropriate requests for federal help.

The 12th CST was officially created in December 2004 and is located in Concord, New Hampshire. The team is staffed with 22 full-time service members from both the Army and Air National Guard. Three of the team members, including the Commander, are UNH alumni. For more information about the New Hampshire National Guard's 12th Civil Support Team, better known as the "Wildcats," please go to: <https://www.nh.ngb.army.mil/CST/index.html>.

For more information about the practice drills, please contact James Lapolla at 817-7961.

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