

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **County Responders Prepare for Threat at High School**

Max, ND – On Friday, September 8, 2023, First Responders, county officials and other mutual aid responders plan to respond to a simulated exercise for an active shooter event at the Max School.

Local and State agencies from the area will be involved in the training and response exercise during the afternoon and evening hours. For safety reasons, we ask the public to stay away from the school.

Patients with simulated injuries will be placed on the scene for responders to deal with. The Garrison Hospital and Trinity NorthStar Criticair Air Helicopter will also be participating.

Photo and video opportunities will be provided for you, and interviews can be conducted during the exercise by local & contracted experts. When you arrive at the site, find one of the Heartland staff members (wearing blue shirts) and they will provide you with a briefing, sign you in, and get you a vest to wear for identification. The Heartland staff will escort you into the incident site for photos or video, and will assist you in securing interviews.

For further information and best time to arrive contact Derek Hanson (information listed above).

This program is being sponsored by a grant from the US Department of Homeland Security, issued through the ND Department of Emergency Services, and implemented by the McLean County office of Emergency Management. The exercise is being coordinated by Heartland Consulting Group from Bismarck.

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