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WTI Marines to hold humanitarian aid exercise in Yuma

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (April , 2014)– Students and instructors participating in Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron's Weapons and Tactics Instructor course 2-14 are scheduled to conduct a new humanitarian assistance/disaster recovery exercise in Yuma, Ariz., April. 18.

In past years, WTI students practiced non-combatant evacuation training in Kiwanis Park and at Trinity Christian. This training prepared them for real world incidents requiring a quick reaction force to extract U.S. and allied personnel from hostile situations.

In an effort to broaden WTI students' understanding of how to assist people who are displaced from their homes due to hostilities or catastrophic weather, this year's exercise in Yuma will show how Marines can provide essential aid to those in dire need around the globe.

The general public will see some changes to the scheme of maneuver at Kiwanis Park and are reminded that for this WTI, there will be activity at Trinity Christian, Crane Medical School and Yuma Regional Medical Center.

WTI students flying MV-22 Ospreys will conduct the noncombatant evacuation operations exercise in 29 Palms, Calif., at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

Media who wish to attend the HA/DR exercise in Yuma on April 18 and conduct stand up interviews with Marines must R.S.V.P. for this event no later than 4 p.m. on Thurs, April. 17.

Those attending will be provided with additional coordinating instructions at least 24 hours prior to the exercise to include the start and end times of the exercise.

To R.S.V.P., contact Cpl. Zachary Scanlon, Media Relations, at 928-269-2934 (office), or Zachary.scanlon@usmc.mil. When reserving a spot, be sure to include name of organization and the names and phone numbers of reporters attending.

Those attending are asked to meet outside of the entrance of the gate at Kiwanis Park for check in and bring an official government issued identification. A public affairs Marine will escort you at all times while inside the gate.

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