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- (U) Q3 – Will the media be permitted to observe this training?
- (U) A3 – No. Based on training time-lines and safety constraints, we do not allow spectators. We want our service members to concentrate on their tasks with no distractions. You may contact SOCOM Public Affairs Office and they will be able to assist in identifying training activities where media could be invited to observe.

- (U) Q4 – Which units are involved in this training?
- (U) A4 – Units from SOCOM.

- (U) Q5 – What type of training is being conducted?
- (U) A5 – The training consists of

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- (U) Q6 – Why is this training being conducted in Minneapolis?
- (U) A6 – The sites we are using offer an excellent training area for the challenges of an urban environment and affords us the opportunity to refine our techniques without traveling to far from home.

- (U) Q7 – Why weren't residents and businesses notified of this training.

- (U) A7 – Unit and local law enforcement officials notified residents and businesses within the affected training area.

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- (U) Q8 – What measures are used to reduce the risk of injury?
- (U) A8 – As in all training, safety is paramount. Personnel receive up-to-date safety briefings and safety standards must be observed at all times. Inspections of the training sites were conducted in advance, participants' equipment was checked, tested, and rechecked, and all activities possessing some level of increased risk were rehearsed to ensure safety measures were intact.

- (U) Q9 – How did the accident/incident take place?

- (U) A9 – It is Department of the Defense policy to withhold comment until an investigation into the cause of the accident/incident is conducted and (as appropriate) next of kin of injured/dead are notified.

- (U) The following can be used as a follow-up response in the event of a serious accident or incident involving injury or death.

- (U) Quote: ??? number of service members were injured/killed when (Describe incident) in the vicinity of ??? while performing ??? at ??? local time today while participating in exercise (BRASS STAR)(U). A Board of Inquiry will be appointed to investigate the accident/incident. The names of the dead or injured and the exact cause of the mishap will not be released until the next of kin have been notified. For more information, please contact the (MAJCOM/TYCOM, provide commercial phone number) End quote.

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