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Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 8:57 PM
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Sent: 8/19/14, 12:28 PM
To: Axtell, Todd D (CI-StPaul), Beckmann, Kristin (CI-StPaul), Lantry, Kathy (CI-StPaul), Bostrom, Dan (CI-StPaul), Stark, Russ (CI-StPaul), Thao, Dai (CI-StPaul), Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul), Brendmoen, Amy (CI-StPaul)
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This was a bonehead blunder from the start.

This was not a safe exercise. The last time there was an "accident" involving an aircraft and a downtown office tower the NYC world trade center collapsed.

Our military leadership is inept as we've seen again and again and our excellent and trusted SPPD should not be engaging in military training with them.

I'll have a lot of questions to ask at our budget hearings.

dave

From: Axtell, Todd D (CI-StPaul)

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 11:08 AM

To: Beckmann, Kristin (CI-StPaul); Lantry, Kathy (CI-StPaul); Bostrom, Dan (CI-StPaul); Stark, Russ (CI-StPaul); Thao, Dai (CI-StPaul); Thune, Dave (CI-StPaul); Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul); Brendmoen, Amy (CI-StPaul)

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All,

We just met with [redacted] from US Special Operations Command (USSOC). The Urban Training Drills have been 8 months in the planning in concert with the SPPD, MPD, the City of Saint Paul and the City of Minneapolis. I am sorry that not everyone was up to speed on the timing of the drills. There were some factors that contributed to this that I won't get into on this email. I can tell you that there was no intent to keep anyone in the dark or to jeopardize public safety in any way. We are waiting for a draft press release from USSOC which we are hoping will publically clarify their training and the fact that the only SPPD role is to ensure the public safety in and around the training areas. The SPPD is not receiving any equipment as a result of this training. Once this release occurs, we will send something out and ask that you push this out to your contacts. These drills will be continuing through Thursday night. I do know that USSOC has changed their training for the next two nights so there won't be any low flying in the Downtown area as a result of concern there. There will be some low flying along the River this evening. These drills will conclude Thursday evening and if there will be any low flying exercises Downtown on Thursday, I will let you know that day and prior to any training.

Please let me know if you have any questions and my cell is on 24/7. [redacted]

Respectfully,

Todd

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