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OREGON NATIONAL GUARD CONVOY TO DEMONSTRATE CAPABILITIES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

FLORENCE, OR – An Oregon National Guard Convoy will be at the Florence Events Center on Sunday, October 23rd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The National Guard personnel and equipment will be set up in the parking lot of the Florence Event Center located at 715 Quince Street. The Convoy's objective is to establish rapport and build a relationship between the local community and the Oregon National Guard. The public is encouraged to attend this event to speak with representatives from the Oregon National Guard, as well as local emergency response representatives.

While traveling to the coast, the Oregon National Guard convoy participants will observe potential route obstructions that could result from a Cascadia earthquake. Local leadership of the Oregon National Guard seeks to demonstrate to the local community that they understand the challenges that coastal residents will face in the event of a major Cascadia earthquake and tsunami.

Captain Matt Owen with the Oregon National Guard will give a brief talk every half hour or so about the steps people can do now to get better prepared. Personnel will speak to the attendees about preparedness, the resources that the National Guard can bring to a community, and how individuals should prepare for a disaster.

The event will also provide the Oregon National Guard with an opportunity to perform a drill that involves setting up and feeding a large number of people in a short period of time. They will be bringing their containerized kitchen and feeding everyone who attends a hamburger or hot dog lunch.

Additional specialized equipment used by the Oregon National Guard, as well as local emergency response agencies, will be on display for public viewing.

For more information on the Oregon National Guard visit www.oregon.gov/OMD or www.oregonarmyguard.com.

For more information on local emergency management efforts, visit www.wleog.org or www.ci.florence.or.us/em.

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