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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 16, 2015

## **Town Participates in Joint Emergency Preparedness Exercise “Operation Triple Tornado”**

On April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin National Guard 157<sup>th</sup> Brigade, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management, the Village of Grafton as well as Columbia St. Mary's Ozaukee and Aurora Medical Center Grafton will hold a scheduled emergency preparedness exercise throughout the county.

Local, county, and State responders will have an opportunity to simulate cooperative efforts following a catastrophic event. A fictitious multi-tornado scenario has been created and will allow each participating entity an opportunity to consider how to plan for and recover from such an event in the future.

The National Guard will conduct two sub-exercises in the Town of Cedarburg. The first will be a search and rescue by the National Guard within Pleasant Valley Park & Trails. Other than hosting the event, the Town will have no direct involvement. The park will be closed from the evening of April 17<sup>th</sup> until the morning of April 19<sup>th</sup> in order to facilitate this event.

The second sub-exercise consists of the National Guard's 157<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade working alongside the Town's Public Works department to dig a hole for an underground water cistern at Fire Station 2 on Covered Bridge Road. This will simulate a stopgap cleanup operation and exercise civilian/military communications and cooperation following a tornado.

In addition to the unique training opportunity this provides the Town, it will also assist in a planned construction of a cistern to help the Cedarburg Fire Department protect our community. This cistern will fulfill part of an agreement the Town has with St. Francis Borgia to provide additional fire protection for their new school on Covered Bridge Road.

Media inquiries should be directed to Scott Ziegler, Ozaukee County Emergency Management Director at [sziegler@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:sziegler@co.ozaukee.wi.us) or 262-238-8398.

#### ***Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin***

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