

## OVERVIEW: TOPOFF 4 Full-Scale Exercise

### WHAT is TOPOFF4?

Is a rigorous, full-scale, simulated response to a multi-faceted threat. The scenario begins as terrorists, who have been planning attacks in Oregon, Arizona, and the U.S. Territory of Guam, successfully bring radioactive material into the United States.

The first of three coordinated attacks occurs in Guam with the simulated detonation of a Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) or “dirty bomb” causing casualties and widespread contamination in a populous area near a power plant. Similar attacks occur in the hours that follow in Portland and Phoenix.

### WHEN is TOPOFF4?

October 15-19, 2007

### WHY?

The exercise will address policy and strategic issues that mobilize prevention and response systems, require participants to make difficult decisions, carry out essential functions, and challenge their ability to maintain a common operating picture during an incident of national significance.

### WHERE is TOPOFF4 taking place?

Specifically, the “dirty-bomb” will be set-off at Portland International Raceway. The city and surrounding counties will then engage in various recovery efforts to test current systems and to discover needs (for Oregon’s specific agenda visit [http://www.oregon.gov/OOHS/OEM/docs/oregon\\_t4\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OOHS/OEM/docs/oregon_t4_fact_sheet.pdf)). There will be other areas of the greater Portland region (Washington & Clark Counties) which will be planning in this scenario.

### WHO & HOW is Portland State involved in TOPOFF4?

TOPOFF 4 will feature thousands of federal, state, territorial, and local officials. Portland State University’s Emergency Management Plan Team (EMPT) has taken the role of observers and will be simulating a “mutual aid responder.” The EMPT is dedicated to learning, discovering “best-practices,” and what improvements the university needs to make to its own systems.

### MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

[http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/training/gc\\_1179430526487.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/training/gc_1179430526487.shtm)

Frequently Asked Question’s can be found at:

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Oregon’s Role & Agenda

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