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WTI CONDUCTS HA/DR AT KIWANIS PARK

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz.– Students and instructors participating in Weapons and Tactics Instructor course 2-16 are scheduled to conduct a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise in Yuma, Ariz., April 15.

WTI students will execute the scenario-based HA/DR exercise at Kiwanis Park as part of certification and preparation for real-world incidents that require a quick reaction force to extract personnel from hostile situations.

Media who would like interviews are invited to attend a press briefing with MAWTS-1 leadership, April 13. They will answer questions pertaining to the HA/DR exercise, WTI training and its contribution to current and future Marine Corps operations. Due to the fast tempo of the exercise, all questions must be asked during this time. There will be no additional opportunities for follow-ons after the conclusion of the briefing.

Media who wish to attend the press briefing must R.S.V.P. no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 6. On the day of, media must meet at the MCAS Main Gate on Avenue 3E no later than 4:15 p.m. A Public Affairs Marine will escort you from the gate to the briefing and back.

Media who wish to attend the exercise in Yuma, April 15, must R.S.V.P. for this event no later than 4 p.m., April 13. Those attending will be provided with additional coordinating instructions at least 24 hours prior to the exercise to include the start and end times of the exercise. Those attending are asked to meet outside of the entrance of the gate at Kiwanis Park for check-in, at a time that is to be determined, with an official, government-issued identification. A Public Affairs Marine will escort you at all times while inside the gate.

Still and video products of the press briefing, HA/DR exercise and WTI are available at <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/WTI>

*****MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS*****

Media interested in covering the press conference or exercise must call the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at (760) 830-6213 or SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil and must RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, April 6. Members of the media who have RSVP'd must arrive at the MCAS Main Gate on Avenue 3E no later than 4:15p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. Media who wish to attend the exercise in Yuma Friday, April 15, must R.S.V.P. for this event no later than 4 p.m., April 13.