



Poarch Band of Creek Indians

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Poarch Creek Indians Conduct First-Ever Terrorism Exercise on Reservation

ATMORE- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, in conjunction with the Alabama National Guard and Alabama Department of Homeland Security, will lead a homeland security exercise on the Poarch Creek Reservation, Thursday, March 26. The exercise, known as “Dragon Slayer,” is a disaster response exercise meant to evaluate first responder efforts.

This simulated exercise will be the first ever conducted on a federally recognized American Indian Reservation. No other tribe has tested their disaster efforts with this type scenario. Exercise officials will use this event as a model for other reservations in the nation.

The scenario will center on the annual Poarch Creek Indian Thanksgiving Pow Wow which includes approximately 20,000 people. The situation that will play out will be considered a deliberate act of terror on the reservation.

The Poarch Creek Fire and Police Departments, Health Department, local hospitals and ambulance services will join with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Indian Health Service, Alabama Department of Public Health, Alabama Emergency Management Agency and other state agencies to determine what response is needed.