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Three SD Guard units alerted for deployment

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Three South Dakota Army National Guard units have been alerted for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 730th Area Support Medical Company of Vermillion, the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment of Rapid City and Sioux Falls, and the 235th Military Police Company of Rapid City and Sioux Falls, have all received mobilization alert orders for deployment to Afghanistan in 2012 and 2013.

The 730th and its 75 assigned members are tentatively scheduled for deployment in July 2012. The mission of the 730th is to provide Echelon I (basic emergency medical services) and Echelon II (emergent or inpatient/outpatient care designed to return service members back to duty or evacuate them on to definitive care as quickly as possible) health support. They are composed of combat medics, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, medical doctors, nurses, physician's assistants and maintenance and support staff.

The 129th and its 20 members are tentatively scheduled for deployment in February 2013. The mission of the 129th is to provide public affairs support to units across the state, as well as to deployed units in support of a combined, unified or joint operation. This detachment uses print and broadcast journalists to help tell the story of the South Dakota National Guard. The unit's headquarters is located in Rapid City and a detachment in Sioux Falls.

The 235th and its 124 assigned members are tentatively scheduled for deployment in February 2013. The mission of the 235th is to provide security for U.S. military personnel, installation and facilities and to guard prisoners of war and civilian internees. The unit's headquarters is located in Rapid City and its detachment in Sioux Falls.

All three units are expected to report to an active-duty mobilization station at a time and location to be determined to complete all required training prior to deployment overseas.

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