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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **SD Guard unit will mobilize for deployment**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard’s 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment has received their official mobilization order for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 129th and its 20 assigned members are scheduled for deployment in February 2013. The unit received an alert order for possible deployment in October. The mobilization order confirms the unit will deploy overseas.

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. The detachment uses print and broadcast journalists to help tell the story of U.S. military forces.

The unit’s headquarters is located in Rapid City with a detachment in Sioux Falls.

The unit will report to Fort Dix, N.J., to complete several weeks of theater specific training prior to deployment overseas. This will be the third mobilization for the 129th. The unit was mobilized and sent to Fort Riley, Kan., in 2003 and also deployed in support of U.S. Central Command in Qatar and MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., in 2006.

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