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PRELIMINARY (72-HOUR) REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Northern Pueblos Agency, Espanola, NM

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: July 24, 2013

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 0855 hours

ACTIVITY: Work Capacity Test

NUMBER & TYPE OF INJURY: One fatality

PRELIMINARY FACT FINDINGS: At approximately 39 minutes into a Work Capacity Test (WCT) an individual who was part of the “militia” assigned to the Northern Pueblos Agency (NPA) collapsed within 400 yards from completion of the WCT.

The WCT was conducted on a .75 mile flat dirt oval track which was located behind the NPA office. A local contract ambulance and EMS personnel were assigned to assist with medical support for the WCT. The ambulance was stationed in the middle of the oval and was instructed to follow the participants on the last half of the final lap.

The ambulance was less than 20 yards behind the participants when the individual collapsed, emergency procedures were initiated in less than one minute following the incident. The victim was transported to the local hospital approximately four miles away and pronounced deceased on arrival.

A Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) has been ordered, and a Serious Accident Investigation (SAI) Team is in place.

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