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## Quick Facts

- The Winthrop Coliseum and Farm area will serve as the site for a regional emergency services training session Oct. 4 until 6:30 p.m.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The Winthrop University **Coliseum** and Farm area will be the site of a major regional emergency services training exercise on Wednesday, Oct. 4. The area will be closed to the public until 6:30 p.m.

At the request of **York County Emergency Services**, Winthrop has made this area available for a large scale terrorism response training exercise that will involve local, state and regional emergency service providers. The objective of the exercise is to evaluate York County's preparedness in the event of an emergency. A large number of emergency service vehicles and personnel will be on the scene, as well as soldiers from Fort Jackson who will play the roles of injured parties. Signs are expected to be posted at the **Winthrop Farm** area advising the public of the exercise.

Eden Terrace and surrounding streets will not be closed to traffic, but commuters may encounter delays and may want to use Cherry Road. Winthrop's main campus is not involved in the exercise, and all classes and other activities will take place as normal. Some Winthrop offices will be participating in emergency notification exercises.

The exercise is part of a five-year exercise program by the **State County Terrorism Council** and **Critical Incident Management Group** of the **State Emergency Management Division**. York County agencies participating in the exercise include: the York County COBRA Team, York County Sheriff's Office, Rock Hill City Police, Winthrop Campus Police, Rock Hill Fire Department, York County Fire Marshal, Piedmont Medical Center Emergency Medical Services, York County Emergency Management and Emergency Operations Center.

For more information, contact Cotton Howell, director of the York County Emergency Management, at 803/329-7270.

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