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**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\***

September 11, 2009

Contact: Roger D. Leque, Chief of Police  
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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING EXERCISE OCCURRING ON  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - RIVER FALLS CAMPUS**

UW-River Falls, in conjunction with Pierce County Emergency Management and the City of River Falls, is coordinating with members of the first response community to conduct a full-scale exercise that will test their ability to work together to manage a school-shooting incident.

The exercise will be held **Monday, September 21, 2009** at **Rodli Hall** at 512 S. 6th Street, River Falls, which is just south of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Cascade Avenue between 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

As part of this exercise, several street closures, detours and parking restrictions will be in effect to include:

- Cascade Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Wasson Lane
- The 400 blocks of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets between Spring Street and Cascade Avenue
- Parking lots and roadways on campus in the vicinity of Rodli Hall

Additionally:

- Emergency services will be using and displaying equipment to include emergency vehicles, tactical gear, weapons, etc. There will be no live fire of weapons. However, there may be simulated sounds.

The public is advised to stay away from the exercise area to allow participants the opportunity to test their skills in an environment that will be beneficial to their learning process. Many departments will be using their equipment and people should not panic if they see or hear anything that is out of the ordinary. However, on the day of the exercise, if you have concerns and are unsure whether or not the activities may be related to the exercise please call the River Falls Police Department at 715-425-0909 or the Pierce County Sheriff's Dispatch at 715-273-5051 for verification. In the event of an actual emergency, please dial 911.



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This exercise will focus on Emergency Operations Center operations, public information, the Incident Command System, tactical operations (fire, law enforcement and EMS) and recovery issues.

In addition to providing area residents with the information in the attached press release we would like to invite media outlets to cover pre-exercise preparations on the day of the exercise. Those wishing to do so **must meet at Rodli Hall at 3:30 p.m.** A press officer will be available to provide information and statements; media will also be allowed to take photographs and film exercise preparations during this time.

**Please be advised that due to safety concerns, media will not be permitted in the exercise area during the exercise.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger D. Leque".

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