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## Ohio National Guard's 52nd CST to participate in Clarksdale, Miss. training exercise

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard's 52nd Civil Support Team will deploy to Clarksdale, Miss. this weekend to take part in a training exercise created by the U.S. Army North Command. It will last for about seven days, and is scheduled to conclude on Friday, Feb. 28.

The training event is part of a National Guard Bureau validation requirement that is mandatory every 18 months for National Guard civil support teams (CSTs), and will test each team member's ability to respond to unknown chemical, biological, radiological or high-yield explosive (CBRNE) incidents.

The ONG's 52nd CST is based in Columbus, Ohio, and is comprised of 22 Soldiers and Airmen who are trained to support civil authorities at domestic or natural disaster incident sites by assessing current and projected consequences, identifying CBRNE agents/substances, advising on response measures and assisting with appropriate requests for state and federal support.

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