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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Joint SWAT Exercise with Citadel**

(Charleston County, SC) On April 11, 2018 the Sheriff's Office SWAT team will conduct a joint training exercise with the Citadel's Cordell Airborne Ranger Club. The US Air Force Joint Base-C 628<sup>th</sup> Security Forces and the SC Army National Guard's 111<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion will also participate.

The Citadel's Cordell Airborne Rangers Club is a voluntary club that trains cadets on modern infantry tactics. The club helps develop leadership skills and better prepares cadets for Cadet Initial Entry Training and the Cadet Leadership Course. Cadets in the Ranger Club learn more about Army life, while undergoing rigorous training in combat techniques and tactics.

The training will take place today and will consist of tactical forces exercising multi-agency interoperability, leadership skills and team capabilities. This is a realistic opportunity for local government defense and law enforcement to put their skills to the test in both ground and airborne civil defense situations. Teams will travel across multiple counties by both air and ground, utilizing a SC ARNG Blackhawk helicopter and the CCSO Air Support helicopter. Ground and air teams will engage terrorists in a domestic-threat hostage scenario. The training will commence at the Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport at 12:30 p.m. and will end at the SC ARNG Armory in Moncks Corner.

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