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NORAD to conduct exercises near Augusta and Savanna

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – North American Aerospace Defense Command will conduct exercise flights today as they practice intercept and identification procedures. The exercise will occur near Augusta, Georgia and Savanna between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. EST.

Although they are scheduled for the morning, the flights could be delayed for 24 hours or cancelled due to weather concerns.

People in the greater Augusta and Savanna areas may hear and/or see low-flying NORAD-controlled fighter jets in close proximity to a civilian aircraft, which will be taking on the role of aircraft of interest.

In order to test responses, systems and equipment, NORAD continuously conducts exercises with a variety of scenarios, including airspace restriction violations, hijackings and responding to unknown aircraft. All NORAD exercises are carefully planned and closely controlled.

NORAD has conducted exercise flights of this nature throughout Canada and the U.S. since the start of Operation Noble Eagle, the command's response to the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

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