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Dameron Hospital, Stockton Police Department and EMS to Hold Security Exercise

(Stockton, CA)

(12/16/08) The San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency announced today that a multi-agency full-scale (live action) security exercise will be conducted at Dameron Hospital 525 West Acacia Street in Stockton on Wednesday December 17, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The San Joaquin County EMS Agency, in cooperation with the Stockton Police Department, organized the exercise as part of the County's implementation of the National Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). The exercise is designed specifically for Dameron Hospital to practice internal disaster procedures under simulated real-life conditions. Major goals of the exercise focus on the integrated emergency response, command function and coordination of Dameron Hospital and Stockton Police Department with the County's Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator.

Dameron Hospital will remain open during the exercise with no interruption of services. Patients and visitors should not be alarmed by the presence of the Police Department's Mobile Command Post and Special Weapons Tactical Team (SWAT) on the hospital campus.

This exercise is the sixth in a series being conducted at all acute care hospitals in San Joaquin County during the months of September, October, November, and December 2008. The one-day exercises are based on a simulated security threat at each hospital requiring an emergency response from either city police departments or the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. In addition, coordination with the San Joaquin County Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator will be tested during the exercise.

The National Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) provides federal grant funding to hospitals, clinics, and EMS to improve communications and preparedness for responding to a surge of large numbers of patients resulting from natural disasters and acts of terrorism. The San Joaquin County EMS Agency serves as the HPP Coordinator for San Joaquin County.

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