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Lodi Memorial Hospital, Lodi Police Department and EMS to Hold Security Exercise

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(10/21/08) 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 Lodi Memorial Hospital 975 S. Fairmont Ave. in Lodi on Wednesday, October 22nd from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The San Joaquin County EMS Agency, in cooperation with the Lodi 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 Lodi Memorial 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 Lodi Memorial Hospital and Lodi Police Department with the County's Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator.

Lodi Memorial 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 third in a series being conducted at all seven acute care hospitals in San Joaquin County during the months of September, October and November 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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