

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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FLPD SWAT & BHMC CONDUCT JOINT TRAINING SCENARIO

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the Broward Health Medical Center, will be conducting a mock scenario of an intruder this evening. The training scenario is expected to begin at approximately 8:00 P.M. in the west wing of the hospital.

This area of the hospital is located in the 100 block of Southeast 17th Street Causeway in the City of Fort Lauderdale. This will be a secured area and individuals without prior approval or an escort will not be permitted inside or near the scenario location.

The focus of this training is to provide an opportunity for the Fort Lauderdale Police Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) members to conduct a real-life scenario inside a surreal and controlled location. The training will provide hospital staff with an opportunity to evaluate their employees' response to an emergency situation. This viable training will examine ways to improve the safety of patients and visitors, while analyzing the hospitals' current protocols.

Members of the media will be invited for a quick tour of the scene, prior to the scenario taking place. That tour will take place at approximately 7:00 P.M. Members of the media interested in attending are encouraged to contact one of the following individuals;

• Fort Lauderdale Police Department PIO:

Detective DeAnna Greenlaw at 954-551-0590

- Broward Health Cooperate Communications Specialist: Jennifer Smith at 954-355-4976 or 352-246-4497
- Broward Health Regional Marketing & Community Relations Manager: Carthy Thomas at 954-707-0582.

Parking for the media will be in the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot located at 1710 South Andrews Avenue. Parking in this lot will provide a view of the officers arriving on scene, suiting up in their tactical gear, and ultimately viewing the team's entry commencing the scenario.

Following the scenario, the Fort Lauderdale Police S.W.A.T. members and Broward Health volunteers will set-up an exclusive partial scenario for the media to film and an opportunity to interview Dr. Nabil El Sanadi, Broward Health Medical Center Chief of Emergency Medicine.