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### Multi-agency Disaster Drill to Test Terrorism Response

(Oct. 18, 2007) A multi-agency transit disaster drill with as many as 100 law enforcement officers, firefighters and transit personnel participating is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 27, at Gardena High School.

Coordinated by the Sheriff’s Transit Services Bureau, the exercise will test first responders’ skills at handling a terrorist attack. The scenario includes a mock suspect releasing deadly saran gas aboard a Metro bus.

“We’re training so we can all be on the same page when a natural disaster or some sort of emergency occurs,” says Sheriff’s Lt. Melva Mitchell, drill coordinator. “We want to see how we work together, what our resources are, what we can do and cannot do.”

Scheduled to participate in the drill are personnel from the Sheriff’s HAZ-MAT and Force Protection Team, Metro, LAPD, CHP, LAUSD, LADOT, LA City Fire Department and the LA County Health Department.

“Anyone who would be involved in a real situation will participate in the training,” said Mitchell.