Officials to host regional mass casualty exercise
Oct. 23 in Murrieta

Emergency responders from the Region will take part in a mass-casualty training exercise at Murrieta Mesa High School Oct. 23.

The exercise runs from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and will include emergency vehicles responding to the school. Officials are asking residents near the school not to call 911.

Riverside County Emergency Management Department is hosting the exercise in cooperation with Murrieta Fire and Rescue, Murrieta Police Department and Murrieta Valley Unified School District.

Murrieta Mesa High School officials and staff will participate in the exercise by simulating an active-shooter incident on campus. Some students will act as “victims” which will allow first responders to test emergency response capabilities.

Murrieta motorists may experience traffic delays near Murrieta Mesa High School, specifically along Monroe Avenue as approximately 50 simulated patients...
will be transported by ambulance to surrounding hospitals. Mannequins will simulate lifelike injuries and these simulated patients will be flown by helicopter to Riverside University Health System – Medical Center.

The goal of the exercise is to test critical communication capabilities, resource coordination and expedited triage, treatment and transport during a mass casualty incident. Exercise components will provide a platform for participants to work together and implement measures that could save lives in the event of an actual incident. The expected outcome is to refine policies and procedures while addressing immediate concerns during a mass casualty incident.

For more information, please contact the public information officers listed above.

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