

# TRAINING EXERCISE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER



Dear Area Residents,

Organizations from your city and state will participate in an exercise taking place on September 21, 2019, at the Grass Valley Elementary School. The exercise is being conducted in order to test and improve your community's overall preparedness for an emergency event. The fictional exercise simulates an active assailant. Exercise participants will simulate a response to this type of event, including emergency responders who will simulate crime scenes, patient care, and may treat volunteers who are pretending to be victims. **The incident is not real**; however, the response activities during the fictional exercise will be practiced in a manner that is as realistic as possible. During this exercise, city and county police, fire and emergency teams, state and local officials, hospital and staff, other government agencies and private sector partners will participate.

The areas where the exercise will take place will be clearly marked. For your safety, and in order to complete the exercise in a realistic environment, the exercise area will not be open to the public. We ask for your patience and support if the exercise disrupts your daily routine.

There are simple steps that Americans can take to prepare themselves and their loved ones for emergencies: be informed, make a plan, build a disaster supply kit, and get involved through opportunities that support community preparedness. By gathering supplies to meet basic needs, discussing what to do during an emergency with your family in advance, and being aware of the risks and appropriate actions, you will be better prepared for the unexpected and can help better prepare your community and the country. Please [visit the website, https://www.ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov), or call the phone number 1-800-BE-READY to learn more about preparedness activities.

We thank all area residents for their support of this important exercise. If you have any concerns or questions about the exercise, please contact: Captain Sean Wilkin (HCSO), Captain Dave Garrison (WPD), or Lt. Jordan Kohler (HGH EMS).