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## **Media Advisory**

### **Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Practices Deployment of an Alternate Care Center April 9, 2008**

**What:** On Wednesday, April 9, 2008 the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA) Emergency Preparedness Program will practice deployment of two 28-foot trailers loaded with medical supplies and equipment to establish an Alternate Care Center. These trailers contain enough materials to operate two 25-bed medical units at an acute care level for a 72-hour period. With built-in flexibility, these trailers can be used in a mass casualty event, supplying additional beds to alleviate precious hospital beds, and can accommodate special needs for the medically fragile in a shelter environment, or field treatment and triage.

Purchased through Homeland Security Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant funding, this exercise will help HSA prepare and respond to a mass casualty disaster.

**When:** Wednesday, April 9, 2008  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Harvest Hall  
Agriculture Center  
3800 Cornucopia Way  
Modesto, CA

**Visuals:** Two 28 foot trailers containing medical equipment and supplies will be unloaded to create a mock Alternate Care Center.

***For on-site media support during the event,  
please call Assistant PIO Ken Fitzgerald at 652-3042***

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