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TRAINING CENTER SET TO UNVEIL NEW SIMULATORS

MODESTO, CA- In an effort to enhance area law enforcement's driving skills, improve community safety, and reduce the risk posed to all involved during emergency vehicle operations, the Sheriff's Regional Training Division is pleased to announce the unveiling of their new law enforcement driving simulators.

Sgt. Tom Lawrence of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, whom heads the Sheriff's Regional Training Facility in Modesto, has spearheaded a new program in conjunction with the California Peace Officer Standards & Training (frequently referred to in law enforcement circles as P.O.S.T.) and a manufacturer called FAAC Incorporated based out of Ann Arbor, Michigan. There are only a limited number of simulators statewide that provide such a unique training experience and were approved by P.O.S.T.

The new driving simulators were recently installed at the training facility, and they will be available in September for students to begin use during their in-service and basic academy courses. Each simulator replicates real-world scenarios in which law enforcement officials are faced with a variable of challenges including high-speed vehicle pursuits, Code 3 lights and siren responses, and extreme weather conditions, all of which deputies and police officers encounter on a daily basis.

Sheriff Adam Christianson is proud of the efforts made by those at the training center that made this pilot program a reality. By bringing the state of the art driving simulator equipment to the Stanislaus County region, he believes an opportunity has been created to "promote partnerships and excellence in law enforcement training." The training division serves a law enforcement region including a total of eight neighboring counties.

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