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Sheriff's Bomb Team and County Haz-Mat Team Training for WMD Event

Modesto, CA – Friday May 7, 2010 Stanislaus County Sheriff's Bomb Team and the Stanislaus County Haz-Mat Team will be conducting a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) training exercise which will simulate a WMD incident within the county. The multi-agency exercise will take place at the Ice House located at 9th and Tully Road in Modesto. This exercise is part of a Department of Homeland Security grant to train and prepare Bomb Team and Haz-Mat Teams for WMD incidents.

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department participates in the California Mutual-Aid System. The mutual-aid system means that any law enforcement department can get called upon to send resources anywhere in the state to assist with man-made or natural disasters or emergency incidents. The goal of this training exercise is to improve communications and working relationships between responding agencies and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness. The Sheriff's Bomb Team is the only bomb team in the Stanislaus County. The Stanislaus County Haz-Mat Team is made up of members of several fire agencies and the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources.

For more information about this press release or the WMD training exercise, please contact Modesto Police Departments PIO, Sgt Rick Armendariz at 209-652-1820.

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