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Media Advisory: Planned Safety Exercise at Milpitas Transit Center

WHAT: Local and state first responders are diligently preparing for the safe and convenient arrival of BART service in Santa Clara County. As part of the preparation, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office is organizing a multi-agency simulation exercise. The day-long event offers law enforcement, fire, medical, transportation, and communications professionals the opportunity to train together during a simulated emergency event.

This exercise, with the support of hundreds of volunteers, is part of the continuous risk mitigation efforts local agencies are undertaking to ensure a safer community in Santa Clara County.

The goal of this exercise is to test emergency protocols in a vast environment in order to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the collaborating stakeholders.

During the early portions of the exercise, simulated gunfire/explosions may be audible in the immediate area surrounding the station. We want to emphasize this is simulated, not real.

The event is closed to the public, but media is invited to cover portions of the exercise. We are requesting media wishing to attend to RSVP by email: Richard.Glennon@shf.sccgov.org

WHEN: Saturday, August 11, 2018, 9:30AM

WHO: Participating agencies will include the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Milpitas Police Department, San Jose Police Department, California Highway Patrol, BART Police, Milpitas Fire Department, San Jose Fire Department, Santa Clara County Fire Department, Santa Clara County EMS, VTA, BART, and Communications departments pertaining to the aforementioned agencies.

WHERE: Milpitas Transit Center: 700 Montague Expressway Milpitas, CA

About the Milpitas BART Station

The Milpitas BART Station is one of two stations that are part of the 10-mile Berryessa Extension, the first phase of the 16-mile BART Silicon Valley extension of the regional BART system. Located at the intersection of Montague Expressway and Capitol Avenue near the Great Mall in Milpitas, the station is the center of the city's Transit Area Specific plan, and will be the BART system's gateway to Silicon Valley, serving as a key local and regional connection to the high-tech, job-rich northwestern areas of Santa Clara County.