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## **TRAINING EVENT TO TEST CAPABILITIES OF RESPONDERS** *San Diego Metropolitan Medical Strike Team to Stage Drill at Fairgrounds*

The San Diego Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (MMST) will test its abilities to respond to a terrorist attack at a training event scheduled March 22 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar.

The event will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the front entrance to the Fairgrounds, just off Via de la Valle. The event will feature an explosive device that will be set off near the entrance, as well as crews practicing their response to the explosion and mock injuries.

“This is one of several drills the MMST does every year to ensure preparedness,” said Chief David Ott, MMST Program Co-Director and chief of the Del Mar and Solana Beach fire departments. “The best way to be prepared is to practice. We planned this drill to test every aspect of our team’s abilities.”

The MMST is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary regional weapons of mass destruction response team. Members include SWAT, the San Diego County Bomb and Arson squad, Hazardous Materials, Public Health and Emergency Medical Services.

MMST team members have special training and equipment for responding to weapons of mass destruction events.

The drill was planned by the MMST, City of Del Mar, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego.

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*Editor’s Note: The media is invited to attend the training. A staging area in full view of the exercise will be set up to facilitate photography.*

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