



Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force – Region 7
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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2009, the Region 7 Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF), comprised of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe County agencies will participate in training exercise **OPERATION CASSANDRA**. The objective of the event will be to test the region's resources, response and capabilities to mitigate a **SIMULATED** threat by a **FICTITIOUS** terrorist group directed at multiple locations simultaneously throughout South Florida.

Participating entities from their respective counties will exercise components of their infrastructure to include law enforcement, medical, fire, transit, education and emergency operations centers.

While there is no planned disruption of traffic related to this exercise, there will be a visible presence of law enforcement, fire-rescue and numerous emergency responders from Marathon to West Palm Beach. The media are invited to observe the operation from selected scenario venues within the four-county region. Interested media should report to any of staging areas indicated below and check in with the lead PIO. A participating agency PIO will escort the media to areas of the exercise that are not intelligence- sensitive.



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MEDIA ADVISORY (continued):

Selected venues for media on Wednesday, July 29:

Miami-Dade County: Bicentennial Park – NE 9 St. & Biscayne Blvd., Miami*

Lead PIO: Ofc. Kenia Alfonso 786-556-0788 (9 a.m. starts best time for visuals)

*Any media wishing to schedule early morning live shots the day of the exercise should contact the PIO no later than Tuesday, July 28 for staging locations for live trucks and crews.

Broward County: Cypress Bay High School – 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston

Lead PIO: Dani Moschella 954-831-8300 (9:30 a.m. starts the best time for visuals)

Palm Beach County: Palm Beach Central High School – 8499 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington

Lead PIO: Capt. Don Delucia 561-308-4120 (9 a.m. starts the scenario)

All scenarios should be finished by 1 p.m.

For further information prior to the event, contact your local agency's SERDSTF PIO or Mike Jachles, Chair, SERDSTF Joint Media Information
Tel: 954-831-8300 E-mail: Mike_Jachles@sheriff.org



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Operation Cassandra Participating Agencies

Palm Beach County

Boca Raton Community Hospital
Boca Raton Fire Rescue
Boynton Beach Fire Rescue
Delray Beach Fire Rescue
Delray Beach Police Department
Good Samaritan Medical Center
Medics Ambulance Service
Palm Beach County Emergency Management
Palm Beach County Health Department
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Palms West Hospital
Transportation Security Administration
Wellington Regional Medical Center
West Palm Beach Fire Rescue
West Palm Beach Police Department

Broward County

Broward County Emergency Management
Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue
Broward County Sheriff's Office
Broward County Health Department
Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue
Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Hollywood Police Department
Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Transportation Security Administration

Operation Cassandra Participating Agencies (continued):

Miami-Dade County

City of Miami Fire Department
City of Miami Police Department
Coral Gables Fire Rescue
Federal Bureau of Investigations-Joint Terrorism Task Force
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Hialeah Fire Rescue
Hialeah Police Department
Jackson Health System
Mercy Hospital
Miami Beach Fire Rescue
Miami Beach Police Department
Miami Dade College
Miami-Dade County Emergency Management
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department
Miami-Dade County Health Department
Miami-Dade Police Department
Miami-Dade Transit
Mount Sinai Medical Center
Palm Springs Hospital
Port of Miami
South Shore Hospital
Transportation Security Administration
Village of Key Biscayne Satellite E.O.C.

Monroe County

Monroe County Emergency Management
Monroe County Sheriff's Department