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## *City works with federal agencies on fight against terrorism*

### *City, Regional and National Partners Come Together for Readiness Efforts*

San Diego – More than 300 local and national emergency responders participated in the City of San Diego’s joint workshop this week to test regional response capabilities during a complex coordinated terrorist attack scenario.

As part of a broader effort to combat threats to the United States, the City’s Office of Homeland Security welcomed the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) at the two-day Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop (JTAWS) on February 23-24.

**“This workshop is the first of its kind here in San Diego,” said Chief Shelley Zimmerman of the San Diego Police Department. “I’m proud to see everyone’s participation for this event. It represents the strong working relationships we have in this region and reaffirms our commitment to protecting the citizens of our great country.”**

The workshop aimed to address all levels of regional operations during a terrorist attack to a major U.S. city. Public and private sector responders were able to review current plans and to openly discuss the ways that San Diego can take a proactive approach to prevent and respond to any threat.

**“The City works tirelessly every day to update, test and exercise our response plans for disasters of all magnitudes,” said John Valencia, Executive Director of the Office of Homeland Security. “San Diegans can be confident in knowing the City is prepared.”**

Public agency participants included:

- The San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center
- The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard
- FBI; FEMA; ATF, Customs and Border Protection, and the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

Private sector participants included:

- InfraGard San Diego and 2-1-1 San Diego
- American Red Cross and various hospitals
- Rural/Metro-AMR
- SDG&E and Sempra Utilities
- General Dynamics NASSCO
- The USS Midway Museum

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