



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT: November 13, 2008

What: Golden Guardian Public Safety Exercise

When: Friday, November 14, 2008 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: 5922 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego

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Golden Guardian is a two-day exercise – on the first day (Thursday, November 13, 2008) the city of San Diego's Emergency Operations center as well as the San Diego Police and Fire Department's Department Operations centers were activated in support of this exercise.

Friday's portion of Golden Guardian is the field element and is the first time that SDPD and SDFD will exercise collaboratively with members of the disabled community to address the many complexities involved with safely evacuating people with disabilities during a disaster.

Friday's event will consist of an evacuation exercise based upon a mock earthquake and the need to evacuate the clients from the San Diego Center for the Blind. The clients will be assisted by officers and firefighters in boarding buses which will travel to a shelter. The clients will be returned to the center a short time later.

Golden Guardian is an effort to ensure that our public safety personnel are prepared for a variety of possibilities when it comes to disasters or emergencies.

Chief Bill Lansdowne will give brief remarks about the exercise at 9 a.m. The evacuation will begin at about 9:15 a.m.

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