

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT Public Information Office

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Media Advisory

1400 Hrs

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San Francisco Fire Department to Conduct Regional Mutual Aid Response Exercise

The San Francisco Fire Department is hosting a Regional Exercise at the Treasure Island Training Facility on November 16, 2006. The purpose of this exercise is to test and evaluate Region II Fire Branch Mutual Aid Response to San Francisco, Joint Mutual Aid Operational Area Coordination and Operations, Urban Search and Rescue Operations (USAR) and Communications Interoperability.

The Treasure Island exercise scenario is a response to a Mutual Aid request to a concrete building collapse with people trapped and multiple structure fires on day two of a major earthquake with aftershocks. Approximately 1.5 million pounds of concrete and debris have been brought into the site to support this scenario.

Rescue techniques and state-of-the-art equipment, funded through Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), will be utilized throughout the day.

Dignitaries from throughout the State of California are expected to attend.

MEDIA: Opportunities / Check-in Requirements and Instructions

<u>Check-in will begin at 7:00 AM.</u> All media *representatives MUST have Press Credentials and a Photo ID to be admitted into the exercise site and/or the observation area. Check-in entrance is located at 600 Avenue M, Treasure Island.

Tour of the exercise site will be given to the media at 7:30 AM

Exercise Begins at 8:00 AM

Designated Parking for Press Vehicles is on 9th Street, between Avenues M and I

First Briefing to VIPs and Media at 10:30

Press Conference at 11:00 AM

*RSVP REQUIRED to Mindy.Talmadge@sfgov.org or (415)558-3656 by 11/13/06

THIS EXERCISE IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC