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Bexar County to Conduct Active Shooter Training in Downtown Complex

This morning, Bexar County Commissioners Court approved an emergency training and scenario to be conducted on Friday, February 24, 2023 at its downtown complex, comprised of the Paul Elizondo Tower, the Cadena Reeves Justice Center, the historic courthouse, the annex building, the office of the Bexar County Information Technology Department, and the human resources office. The aforementioned administrative and court buildings will close for the day at 12:00 p.m. to provide a safe environment for the drill.

The safety of visitors and county staff is a priority and concern for the Bexar County Commissioners Court. Drills and training offer a safe way to prepare personnel for possible emergencies and are part of a best-practice approach to risk management. One such situation has become all too common, an active shooter. A person using a firearm or firearms to inflict maximum harm in a very short amount of time is a challenge to address in any setting.

The exercise will consist of a classroom portion and simulated gunfire inside the complex. All county employees who have their workplace located in one of the buildings mentioned will be mandated to attend.

All Bexar County essential functions and services, such as protective orders, marriage licenses, court document filings and the like, will continue at offsite locations. These temporary alternative sites will be announced closer to the day of the exercise.

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