



# News Release



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## Active Training Drill to be Held at Wolfchase Galleria

MEMPHIS, TN – Plans have been finalized with the Memphis Police Department and the Shelby County Sheriff's office, plus multiple other agencies, in conjunction with Simon Property Group, to conduct a large scale joint active shooter training exercise at Wolfchase Galleria on **Sunday, August 11** before the mall opens to the public.

This will be a live drill that will include volunteers from the Shelby County Medical Reserve Corps and other local organizations playing the role of injured and alarmed mall patrons. Once triaged, injured "patients" will be transported by bus to area hospitals to simulate the sudden rush of emergency room patients that would likely accompany an active shooter event. This exercise WILL NOT affect hospitals' normal operating procedures or their ability to provide timely and effective care to current patients.

"Trainings like these are on-going activities vital to the success of all emergency and medical organizations. We are excited to be a part of this innovative and timely exercise simulating events that are, unfortunately, very common today," said Kasia Smith-Alexander, Manager for the Shelby County Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program.

For more information, please contact Heather Reynolds, Risk Communications Coordinator for the Shelby County Health Department, at (901) 270-7179.