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Emergency Exercise planned for Pima County Jail April 24, 2009

On April 26, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Pima County Sheriff's Department, in coordination with the Tucson Police Department and Tucson Fire Department, will be conducting a large scale Fire Drill at the Pima County Adult Detention Complex (PCADC) located at 1270 W. Silverlake Road. PCSD SWAT team and K9 Units, TPD Midtown and Canine Units, TFD Battalion 1, Station 15, and PCADC Tactical Units will be deployed to participate in the large scale operation. There will be a large display of smoke and tactical response for the Exercise.

During the Exercise, there will be no public or professional visitation allowed at the Silverlake Complex. Initial Appearance Court at 9:00 a.m., visitation at the Mission Facility Complex at 1801 S. Mission Road, and law enforcement bookings will not be affected during the drill. Access to the Silverlake Complex will be limited to participants and law enforcement only during the Exercise. Appropriate signage will be displayed for the neighboring areas to clearly distinguish that a drill is in progress.

The purpose of the Exercise is to perfect coordinated law enforcement and safety responses in the event of an actual emergency at the Complex. Because the Complex currently houses approximately 2000 pretrial and sentenced defendants and employs 600 civilian and Correctional employees, it is important to maintain and perfect these skills. PCADC staff, all exercise participants and the inmates in the complex will not be at risk during the Exercise.

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