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WAKE EMS AND RALEIGH POLICE PARTNER FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER/ ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

Wake County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Raleigh Police Department (RPD) will begin intensive Active Shooter/Active Threat Training intermittently from Monday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 25, 2014. The training will take place at the RPD's former headquarters, 110 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh. The public can expect to see EMS and law enforcement vehicles in the parking lot and in the surrounding area throughout most of June, including some nights.

This large-scale training project will involve more than 1,000 local responders and will draw local, state and federal law enforcement observers from around the country.

"We continually build our knowledge by learning from events that have occurred elsewhere, and we have further refined our tactical plans as a result," says RPD Administrative Services Major T.J. Keith. "Good training helps make us ready to deal promptly and appropriately with any situation that might arise."

The training has two primary objectives. The first is to develop and practice skills needed to quickly engage and neutralize any active threat of violence by a group or an individual. The second is to practice providing advanced emergency medical care for any victims of such an incident.

Deputy Director of Wake County EMS Michael Bachman explains, "Many of the injuries in this type of situation can be helped dramatically if we can get to victims quickly. Having paramedics at the victims' side in the shortest possible time can increase survivability and overall victim outcome. The protocol we're training on integrates EMS response with law enforcement entry teams to ensure we do the most for all victims of these crimes."

Interviews and photo ops with Wake EMS and law enforcement officials are available on Monday, June 2, 2014, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Operational tactics will be secure, but officials will be able to discuss the general nature of the training and its importance.

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