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Subject: Oshkosh Police Training Exercise at Marcus Theaters

The Oshkosh Police Department, in conjunction with the Marcus Theaters, Oshkosh Fire Department, UW-Oshkosh Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin State Patrol will be holding a police training exercise at the Marcus Theaters in Oshkosh on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 beginning at about 7 A.M.

The training exercise will be primarily held inside of the Marcus Theaters, although police and fire personnel will be moving around the exterior of the building. Police and fire apparatus will also be located in the parking lot.

The purpose of the police exercise is to test the communications, technological and tactical capabilities of the Oshkosh Police Department Crisis Reaction Team, Negotiations Team and Command Staff. In addition, this training exercise will enhance the partnerships of all agencies involved and the community.

All participating agencies members will be using training weapons modified to fire only nonlethal marking cartridges or blanks. There will be no live weapons in this training exercise; although there will be armed on-duty officers patrolling the area as security.

Traffic will only be re-routed if necessary, but area businesses should not be affected by the training. Pedestrian traffic adjacent to the Marcus Theaters should be alert and will be under the direction of police barriers. Please do not enter the training exercise area.

The media and public viewing will be of the exterior portion of the exercise only. Police tactics and movement are closely controlled. For the safety of the media and the public, the interior portion of the exercise will be unavailable for viewing.

Members of the media are asked to assemble near the northwest corner of the Marcus Theater parking lot near the Subway restaurant. The Oshkosh Police Crime Prevention vehicle will be located in that area. Police and fire personnel will be available for media interviews as the exercise progresses.

If you have questions about this media release, please contact Sgt. Todd Wrage, Training Sergeant at (920) 236-5757 or Public Information Officer Joe Nichols at (920) 236-5742.