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Decommissioned VTA Light Rail Station to Host Federal Emergency Response Exercise

SAN JOSE – A first-responder **training exercise** will be conducted at VTA’s Almaden Light Rail Station on Wednesday, February 23, beginning at 8 a.m. The light rail station is no longer in operation, so the event will not disrupt VTA transit service.

Residents and passersby may see emergency vehicles and simulated emergency situations at the light rail station and in the parking lot. **Be advised this is not a real-life emergency. It is a training event**, allowing first responders from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area to train together for a potential emergency. VTA’s Community Outreach and Public Engagement team has notified surrounding neighbors and businesses of the training event.

The purpose of this exercise is to test critical emergency response capabilities. VTA’s System Safety and Security team is participating along with San Jose Fire HAZMAT, Santa Clara County Fire HAZMAT, Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and the Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST), a division of the California National Guard, among others.

News media is welcome to cover the event between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the light rail station located at **[1045 Coleman Road, San Jose](#)**.

Public access to parking in the Park and Ride lot will be limited from Tuesday, February 22, to Thursday, February 24.

About VTA

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