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**Hospital Active Shooter Drill**

**to be Presented by HASC Safety & Security Committee**

March 19, 2013, LAC + USC Medical Center (Old Campus)

Los Angeles, CA –The Hospital Safety and Security Conference: Active Shooter Drill, presented by the Hospital Association of Southern California’s (HASC) Safety and Security Committee, is planned for March 19, 2013, at the LAC + USC Medical Center (Old Campus).

Violence in health care settings is on the rise. HASC has assembled a team of experts for this event that moves beyond classroom training to offer an opportunity to actively participate in emergency scenarios in both an ER setting and office environment. Participants will collaborate with law enforcement and risk analysis experts to facilitate creating a local plan for survival and post-event recovery.

“The Active Shooter drill is a collaborative product of a cross sectional group of health care professionals who have developed a realistic scenario that includes not only the clinical but the often ignored administrative areas.  The goal is to provide participants ‘hospital-specific’ resources on preparing for an active shooter,” says Daniel Holden, HASC Safety and Security Committee Chair and director of healthcare services - Southwest region, AlliedBarton Security Services. Allied Barton manages security operations for more than 25 Southland hospitals.

The event will be anchored by leaders in hospital security including Caryn Thornburg, emergency preparedness and hazardous materials coordinator, ValleyCare Health System. Thornburg has over 24 years of experience with the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Medical Command and the Regional Training Site–Medical. Also featured is Lisa Angell, RN, BSN,prehospital care coordinator, pediatric liaison nurse and staff nurse IV, Watsonville Community Hospital; and hospital preparedness coordinator, California Hospital Association.Angell has spent 32 years as an ER nurse and is currently an instructor for CHA’s HICS trainings.

“This program has been developed to bring together the various stakeholders—security, law enforcement, disaster preparedness, emergency medicine, risk managers and others—to experience the two drill scenarios and then discuss how the professions can work together in developing a plan,” says Pat Wall, HASC, VP of membership and education.

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