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### **Cottonwood Police to conduct Active Shooter Training**

**Cottonwood, Ariz**, March 9, 2012 —On March 12, 2012 the Cottonwood Police Department will conduct live, scenario-based training, ***closed to the public*** on campus of Cottonwood Middle School in regards to active shooters.

Active shooter training plays a critical role to ensure the safety of officers as well the residents of our communities. “In recent years, many trends have emerged as well as lessons learned from past incidents, and it’s important that we train in and on the most contemporary, best practices available,” said Cottonwood Police Department spokesman, Sgt. Gareth Braxton. Role players will be involved in the process to give a more realistic twist to the training. These types of incidents, as we know, are not just confined to schools, but can occur anywhere and as such, we want to try to stay ahead of the curve, he went to say.

The Cottonwood Police Department has worked closely with the Cottonwood Middle School to make this training a reality and they generously allowed the department to use their campus to that end. This is a trend we’ve been seeing across the country as schools and police departments work collaboratively to plan for worst-case scenarios in an effort to improve our response and proficiency should such an incident occur.

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