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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Oakland Police Department to Conduct Homeland Security Training at Network Associates Coliseum**

#### **S.W.A.T. Team Prepares For Possible Threat**

- WHAT:** Training Exercise/Threat Simulation
- DATE:** Tuesday, June 15, 2004
- TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Network Associates Coliseum,  
700 Network Associates Coliseum Way, Oakland, CA
- WHO:** SMG Management  
Oakland Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team

**Oakland, CA-** On Tuesday, June 15, 2004, the Oakland Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team, in cooperation with SMG Management of the Network Associates Coliseum, will conduct an all-day Homeland Security training session at the Network Associates Coliseum. Training will include familiarizing the officers assigned to the team with the inner-workings of the arena and stadium. The classroom portion of the training will focus on: Coliseum operations, capacity, evacuation procedures, infrastructure, command post procedures, possible threats, and sensitive areas. At the conclusion of the classroom training, officers will participate in a series of scenario-based

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exercises to improve and test their ability to respond to major incidents that may occur at the Coliseum. The training day will be similar to training the S.W.A.T. Team has already completed at facilities in the City of Oakland such as the airport, maritime port, and schools.

According to Lt. Dave Kozicki, Commander of the Oakland Police Department Traffic Section, “the training at the Coliseum is part of a comprehensive program to familiarize officers with the vulnerabilities of ‘soft targets’ in the City of Oakland. Soft targets are locations that are not regularly policed and where people are afforded access without being searched. Oakland has several of these types of locations. The officers involved in the training are all trained to respond to serious incidents. This training will give them classroom and scenario-based training specific to the Coliseum. The primary focus is to ensure the safety of the people who use and work at the Coliseum.”

Media representatives are invited to view portions of the training from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The media assembly area will be on the plaza level of the Coliseum located between the arena and stadium.

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