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Community Hospital to Conduct Active Shooter Training Exercise

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital will conduct a full-scale emergency preparedness exercise on **Friday, February 21, 2020**, from 9:00am - 11:00am. The hospital is located at 2351 G Road, just west of Canyon View Park. The exercise will begin promptly at 9:00am with a mock scenario of an active shooter at a local movie theater. All exercise activities, including calls to 911 dispatch, will preface “THIS IS A DRILL”.

The active shooter exercise is a full-scale, functional exercise, designed to test health care and medical response coordination and medical surge capabilities at Community Hospital. “These types of emergency preparedness drills are designed to establish a safe learning environment for participants to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures,” said Joe Gerardi, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer for Community Hospital. “This particular exercise will test our ability to coordinate a response strategy, resources and communication with other health care providers as well as communication with patients and visitors during an emergency,” added Gerardi.

Participants include Community Hospital and the VA Medical Center, Canyon View Surgery Center, Grand Junction 911 Dispatch Center, and Grand Junction Police Department.

Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to cover this full-scale training exercise. To arrange for video footage of the exercise and/or an interview, please contact Karen Martsolf with Community Hospital at 970-778-1249 or Kayla Holst with the VA Medical Center at 970-314-6582.

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