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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**ACTIVE SHOOTING DRILL TO BE HELD AT PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM – A full scale Active Shooter Drill will be held at Park Avenue Elementary School, 507 S Park Avenue, Aztec, on Wednesday November, 6, 2013.

The drill kicks off at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until about 12:00 p.m. During that time, the public can expect to see police officers and emergency vehicles on and near school grounds. As part of the drill, students at Park Avenue will be loaded onto busses and transported to Aztec High School to test the student evacuation plan. The students will not offload from the busses, they will be returned to Park Avenue to conclude the drill. Businesses and schools near the sites will be open and will continue to do business as usual during the drill.

We ask the public to avoid the immediate vicinity of Park Avenue Elementary during the drill if possible. If it is not possible to avoid the area, we ask the public to use caution when driving through the area where this exercise is being conducted. Parents of students are asked to make sure students are on time to school on the day of the drill (Wednesday, November 6). If a student needs to be late, Parents are asked to hold their student out of school until the drill has concluded at 12:00 p.m., lunch time.

The object of the simulated active shooter drill is to provide emergency personnel and school staff the best training experience possible to close any gaps in the emergency plans. "If you were ever to find yourself in the middle of an active shooter event, your survival may depend on whether or not you have a plan." explained Don Cooper, San Juan County Emergency Manager. "These exercises help school personnel and students prepare for what to do if they ever find themselves in that situation."

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