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Scottsdale Healthcare's three hospitals will participate in a Valley-wide emergency preparedness drill.

SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE

3 hospitals will hold disaster drills

Scottsdale Healthcare's three hospitals will participate in a regional disaster drill Tuesday. Officials want the public to know that patient care, surgeries and emergency rooms will not be affected during the training exercise. Hundreds of volunteers with simulated injuries are expected, but normal hospital operations and scheduled proce-

dures at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn, Scottsdale Healthcare Shea and Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak will continue during the exercise. Notification signs will be placed in and around the hospitals and hospital security will manage traffic.

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PURPOSE OF DRILL

Part of the third Coyote Crisis Campaign, the Valley-wide emergency preparedness drill is designed to improve response and communication with government, public and private organizations, according to Wendy Lyons, vice president of community stewardship for Scottsdale Healthcare.

MORE ON THE CAMPAIGN

Scottsdale Healthcare is a founding partner of the Coyote Crisis Campaign. The inaugural campaign in April 2006 simulated a terrorist attack in Scottsdale. The 2007 drill simulated a bird flu pandemic. There was no drill in 2008. This year's simulation involves a major explosion.

QUOTABLE

"Each training exercise we hold helps Scottsdale Healthcare improve its readiness for disaster response," said President and Chief Executive Tom Sadvary.