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## **DHS AND ARMY TO PREVIEW TRAINING PLATFORM TO SUPPORT LOCAL POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS**

**Sacramento, CA**—The Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), in partnership with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL), Human Research and Engineering Directorate (HRED), Simulation Training and Technology Center (STTC), will join the Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento first responder community to conduct a demonstration of the pilot Enhanced Dynamic Geo-Social Environment (EDGE) virtual training platform—an platform that trains multiple first responders across agencies, disciplines, and jurisdictions.

EDGE allows first responders from various disciplines to collaboratively participate in complex emergency response scenarios in a virtual environment, improving coordination and communication while training responders to help mitigate injuries and loss of life. Based on input received from the first responder community, the platform being demonstrated will feature an active shooter response. Sacramento law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire, unified command, and dispatch will all participate in the training and demonstration event.

**WHO:** Jay Martin, Deputy Director, First Responders Group DHS S&T  
Matt Kaufman, TRADOC  
Chris Costamagna, Battalion Chief, Sacramento Fire Department  
Dana Matthes, Deputy Chief, Sacramento Police Department

**WHAT:** Demonstration of EDGE virtual training platform in a simulated active shooter scenario.

**WHEN:** November 20, 2013, 1:00 p.m. PDT

**WHERE:** Sacramento Police Department Richards Police Facility  
300 Richards Boulevard  
Sacramento CA, 95811

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