



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



NEWS RELEASE

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Santa Ana Police Department SWAT Officer Injured During Training Exercise

It is with regret that the Santa Ana Police Department reports the injury of an SAPD SWAT officer, during a training exercise at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. The incident occurred on 6-19-2008 at approximately 4:30 p.m. During the training, the SWAT officer sustained a gunshot injury to the head. The officer was treated at the scene and was transported to a local hospital via a ground ambulance. Currently, the officer is in critical but stable condition and **his injuries are not considered life threatening.**

The Santa Ana Police Department and Camp Pendleton Marine Corps officials are investigating the cause of this incident. Chief Paul M. Walters stated, "Preliminary reports indicate that the cause of this incident may have been due to equipment failure. Information is very limited at this time, as the investigation is ongoing."

The Santa Ana Police Department's thoughts and prayers are with the injured officer and his family. We ask that the community join us in keeping our injured officer in their prayers for a safe and speedy recovery.

At this time the officer's name is not being released, however, updates will be provided as they become available.

For additional information, please contact the PIO, Corporal Jose Gonzalez.

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