

Group #2: Mall Explosion

Today, the Santa Luis Mall was holding its annual mall-wide sale. Prices in mall stores were drastically reduced, and the sale attracted thousands of shoppers. At 9:00 am, two explosions occurred simultaneously at the mall. The first blast occurred inside the mall near the entrance to Muldowney's Department Store. The second explosion occurred at the mall entrance to the Santa Luisa luggage store.

The blasts caused significant structural collapses and fires in adjacent mall businesses. Some parked cars outside, near the luggage store and the mall entrance near the department store, were damaged and on fire. There are many injuries and fatalities. Adjacent structures sustained broken windows. Flying glass injured pedestrians who were nearby when the explosion occurred. The fire engulfed spaces on the second floor.

The fire department is on scene and has established a command post in the mall parking lot. The police department is on scene and has co-located its command post with the fire department. Police units are attempting to control traffic and evacuate shoppers and employees from the mall. Traffic in the mall parking lot and on streets around the mall is congested.

GROUP MISSION:

Prepare and deliver a news conference regarding the jurisdiction's response to the event.

Your news conference should start 4 hours after the first report of the explosions.

The expectation is that there will be a lead PIO, city/county officials, and subject matter experts, as required

The news conferences will be organized as a multi-party briefing with time for questions by reporters. The news conference will be limited to 10 minutes, with a 5-minute question-and-answer period after the news conference concludes.