

Scenario #5: Mall Explosion

On today's date the Santa Luis Mall was holding its annual mall-wide sale. The prices in mall stores are drastically reduced and the sale attracts thousands of shoppers. At 12:30 pm 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 Santa Luisa luggage store. The blasts caused significant structural collapses and fires to adjacent businesses in the mall. Some parked cars outside, near the luggage store and the mall entrance near the department store are damaged and on fire. There are many injuries and fatalities. Structures adjacent to the mall 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 established a command post in the mall parking lot. The police department is on scene and co-located their 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.