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### **Memorial Regional Hospital First to Participate in Life Saving Active Shooter Awareness & Response Drills Led By Florida TEMS and T<sup>2</sup>FX**

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** - - One hundred medical and administrative staff from Memorial Regional Hospital and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital participated in Active Shooter Awareness & Response Drills on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The drills were led by Florida Tactical Emergency Medical Systems (Florida TEMS, Inc.) of Fort Lauderdale and Trauma Training FX, Inc. (T<sup>2</sup>FX) of Virginia Beach.

Beginning earlier this year, 250 hospital staff members (department heads, administrators and security personnel) participated in a lecture series and practical training sessions headed by Justin Parrinello, director of Florida TEMS.

The active shooter scenario acted as a culmination. Four groups of 25 hospital personnel experienced the drills held in the old MRI wing. More than a dozen local first responders were moulaged and acted the scenario out. An air gun sounded as one actor was the perpetrator. Local police officers were on hand to respond as if it were a live event. Several trainers including Mr. Parrinello and T<sup>2</sup>FX's Mr. Fred Kolberg oversaw the personnel's performance and provided feedback at the drill's completion.

Julie Kolberg, T<sup>2</sup>FX president and Certified Moulage Specialist, led a team in creating realistic gunshot entry and exit wounds from head to toe, varying in degrees of severity. By implementing these stressors and distractors into the training, the student's ability to function under pressure was enhanced.

"Florida TEMS, Inc. is honored to have equipped Memorial's staff with the knowledge of how to respond to a mass casualty event of this type," said Justin Parrinello. "To our knowledge, this is the first time a hospital in the United States has conducted active shooter awareness and response drills of this magnitude!"

Florida TEMS, Inc. worked closely with Memorial Regional Hospital staff and Memorial Healthcare System administrators and security staff. Recognizing the life-saving results this training has had in in both the lives of civilian and military students, plans are underway for Florida TEMS, Inc. and T<sup>2</sup>FX to continue sharing their expertise with additional Florida medical facilities.

Florida TEMS, Inc. provides practical tactical medicine, active shooter awareness, clinical medicine sustainment, and technical rescue training courses to men and women who put themselves in harm's way through professions which provide security and order to the communities in which we live in. It is owned and operated by public safety officials, former and active military personnel, and administrators with real world knowledge and experience.

Trauma Training FX is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business that provides instructional combat medical training to medical and non-medical personnel in both the military and private sectors. CEO Fred Kolberg is a retired U.S. Navy SEAL and special operations medic. He has been training forces in Combat Trauma skills since retiring in 2003.

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