

County of Santa Cruz

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Press Release

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New Mobile Medical Hospital for Santa Cruz County

WHAT: The continuation of critical medical services is a major factor in minimizing the life and safety impacts of

major disasters. To help meet this objective, the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, along with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Santa Cruz County and other local medical providers, are set to begin training with the County's first deployable Mobile Hospital During emergencies. The Mobile Hospital can serve a variety of needs, including becoming a field treatment site after an earthquake, an alternate

care site during a pandemic, or a stand-alone surgical unit similar to a "MASH".

On April 23, members of the media are invited to join the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency for the unveiling of the Mobile Hospital. Teams will be assembling tents and components throughout the

afternoon.

VISUALS: See the Mobile Hospital set up as it would be deployed during an actual emergency situation. The Mobile

Hospital comes complete with six tents, vestibules, shelving units, ICU beds, sinks, HVAC and a complete

electrical system.

WHEN: April 23

1pm – 5:00pm, Rain cancels

WHERE: Watsonville Community Hospital

75 Neilson St.

Watsonville, CA 95076

WHO: Dr. Arnold Leff, Public Health Officer, Santa Cruz County

Brenda Brenner, EMS Administrator, Santa Cruz County

