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For Immediate Release:

On Friday, June 9th, from 10am-2pm, members of the Wyckoff Police Department in conjunction with the Christian Health Care Center Administration and the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management, conducted simulated active shooter training exercises at the Christian Health Care Center, located at 301 Sicomac Avenue, Wyckoff.

To assist with the training, staff from the Christian Health Care Center provided their talents as actors/actresses in the many drills and exercises the officers experienced throughout the training. This training opportunity gave the facility employees a first-hand point of view on how local law enforcement responds as well as what they should do when faced with an active shooter situation. Active Shooter incidents are on the rise nationally and we feel preparation, training and education is the best defense. The Wyckoff Police Department works very closely with the Christian Health Care Center to provide guidance in emergency planning, response and prevention of active shooter incidents. Members of the police department receive frequent up to date active shooter training as part of their yearly training requirements. We would also like to thank the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp for their assistance standing by during the exercise for the safety of all participants.

These incidents can happen in any community or any workplace at any time. Please remember to always stay vigilant. We cannot stress enough the value of our residents remaining alert in their neighborhoods and reporting anything unusual or suspicious to the police, "Hear It! See It! Report It!" We encourage all residents to report any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity occurring in their neighborhoods at any time to Wyckoff Police- County Dispatch (201)891-2121