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**LCMC HEALTH HOSPITALS PARTICPATE IN CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE**

New Orleans, LA (December 4, 2017) – Three LCMC Health hospitals – Children’s Hospital, University Medical Center and Touro – participated in the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (NOHSEP) drill Monday, December 4, 2017, to test emergency response plans in the event of an active shooter attack. The exercise took place at the Audubon Zoo (6500 Magazine St.) in coordination with the City’s local public safety agencies including the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD), New Orleans Emergency Medical Services (NOEMS) and the New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD).

Volunteers were assigned various roles to play in the tactical exercise, which simulated an active attack. Roles include those who were wounded, deceased or separated from family members. Wounded patients were triaged on site and subsequently transported to the three hospitals, where they were “treated” in the emergency rooms. Role-playing with real people allowed emergency and hospital personnel to fully test plans, policies, procedures and responses, including internal and external communications.

In addition to reviewing policies and procedures within the hospitals, Children’s Hospital and LCMC Health’s State Street office tested its lockdown procedures because of the campuses’ proximity to the drill. Hospitals were also able to test a family reunification plan to track and communicate with family members the status and location of people affected by an active attack.

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About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, [LCMC Health](http://www.lcmchealth.org) is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children’s Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.