

LIMA MALL

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ALLEN COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO CONDUCT ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING AT THE LIMA MALL

Lima, OH, September 25, 2008 – The Allen County Office of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Allen County Sheriffs Office, Lima-Allen County Regional Bomb Squad, Allen County HAZMAT Team, various local law enforcement agencies, the Lima Mall, and IPC International will conduct an “Active Shooter/Rapid Deployment/Suspicious Package” training exercise on Sunday, September 28, 2008 beginning at 7 pm. The training will consist of various scenarios involving a person or persons in the mall with a firearm and the investigation of a suspicious package found in the mall.

“Our goal is to provide a safe and secure environment to our tenants and our guests” commented Lima Mall Director of Marketing and Business Development, Traci Bitler. “While we hope nothing like this would ever happen here, we can not afford to not be prepared.”

The training will be conducted under the supervision of officers that have been certified by the National Tactical Officer’s Association as “Active Shooter Instructors”.

“We appreciate the opportunity to work with Simon Property Group and the Lima Mall” said Allen County Office of Homeland Security Director, Russ Decker. “This training exercise gives our guys real world experience with an event that we hope will never happen here.”

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“This type of training further emphasizes the partnership that local law enforcement agencies, Simon Property Group and the Lima Mall have developed in an effort to protect those who work at or visit the mall throughout the year.” Bitler said.

Media are welcomed to attend this training exercise, but must contact the mall in advance prior to the training.

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