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**National Sheriffs' Association First Responder Program hosted by
Sheriff's Office March 23-26 at Tulalip Resort**

The actions of emergency workers in the first 15-30 minutes of a major incident can greatly impact what happens during the next several hours.

Law enforcement officers from across the country will gather next week at the Tulalip Resort for the National Sheriffs' Association First Responder Program hosted by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. The goal: to prepare officers to respond to major emergencies - including terrorist attacks - with a focus on saving lives, preventing further harm and protecting potential evidence.

The four-day program will feature sessions on bomb threats and detonations, crowd control and evacuation, various explosives from chemical to nuclear, site assessment and terrain analysis, and more. On Tuesday night retired FBI Special Agent Bomb Technician David Williams will lecture on the investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Thursday afternoon officers will put their training into action during a practical exercise scenario. Members of the media are invited to attend and observe the exercise. Snohomish County Sheriff's Sgt. Anthony Aston is a lead instructor with the NSA's First Responder Program and will be involved in this training.

More than 30 law enforcement professionals from as close as Marysville and as far away as Forsyth, GA are scheduled to attend. All training will be conducted at the Tulalip Resort.

The National Sheriffs' Association is a 68-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among those in the criminal justice field.

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