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Mock Escape Exercise Conducted at SMCI

JACKSON - The South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Greene County is conducting a mock escape, including road blocks and K-9 tracking, this morning at the Greene County prison.

The emergency training is from 8 a.m. until noon. The SMCI Emergency Operations Center is activated, and a command center also is being used at the Greene County Emergency Management Office for all law enforcement agencies to participate.

“We normally do this once a year,” Superintendent Joe Errington said. “But because we know escapes happen, we want the public to know that this is a training exercise.”

A code red message was issued at 8 a.m. stating that SMCI would be “conducting the MOCK ESCAPE training exercise today from 0800 to 1200. This includes road blocks and K-9 tracking units. Thank you for your cooperation.”

Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Pelicia E. Hall said the department appreciates its working relationship with other law enforcement agencies and welcomes their participation.