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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

New High-Tech LAPD Bomb Squad Facility Opens to Improve Public Safety in the San Fernando Valley

We were proud to cut the ribbon on the City's new high-tech Bomb Squad Facility at the LAPD's Edward Davis Training Center in Granada Hills on Thursday, Jan. 10.

About 22 percent of all bomb calls the LAPD receive are in the San Fernando Valley, so the facility will improve response times, bolster LAPD's resources in the Valley and keep our communities safer.

"In 1986, two members of the LAPD Bomb Squad, Detective Arleigh McCree, and Officer Ronald Ball, were tragically killed in the line of duty while working to defuse a pipe bomb in North Hollywood," Councilman Smith said.

"These officers put their lives on the line to protect us, and we must provide them the best possible tools and resources to do their jobs."

We were joined by Police Chief William Bratton, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, LAPD Command Staff and members of the Bomb Squad and LAPD's HazMat Unit.

The new facility is LEED certified, meaning it is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. It was funded by the Proposition Q, a \$600 million Public Safety bond, which voters approved in 2002 to build and repair police facilities.



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It includes a 120-person classroom with interactive computer stations, an explosives robot training arena, a vehicle storage bay, laboratory and other features.

It is located at the LAPD's Edward Davis Training Facility on in Granada Hills, where the 5 and 405 freeways meet, providing the Bomb Squad excellent access to respond to calls across the Valley.

