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**Bioterrorism Critical Incident Response Equipment to be Presented to  
Three Points/Robles Junction Community Emergency Response Team**

(Tucson, Ariz.) The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Pima County Supervisor for District 3, will present the keys to an emergency response trailer to be used for transporting Pima County's apportionment of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to the Three Points/Robles Junction Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on Thursday, February 22 at 11 a.m. The event will be held at Three Points Fire District headquarters located at 11200 S. Sierrita Mountain Road in Three Points.

The 14-foot trailer, one of eight to be placed throughout Pima County, was paid for by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Arizona Department of Health Services, to the Pima County Health Department's Bioterrorism Preparedness Program. While its primary function is to transport medication and medical supplies from the SNS in the event of a bioterrorism attack or disease outbreak occurring in Pima County, the trailer is also outfitted with emergency equipment and supplies that can be used by CERT to assist first responder agencies in responding to any disaster or emergency that happens in Pima County.

"With the addition of the SNS emergency response trailer and the ongoing efforts of the Three Points/Robles Junction Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, southern Pima County is much better prepared for any emergency, be it a bioterrorism event, wildfire or flood," Supervisor Bronson stated.

The CDC's Strategic National Stockpile was developed to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency, such as a terrorist attack or influenza outbreak, severe enough to cause local medicine and medical supplies to run out. Through the program, resources can be available to the community in as little as twelve hours following an emergency. The Pima County Health Department, in coordination with State and Federal health agencies, has plans in place to rapidly receive and distribute SNS medicine and medical supplies to the population of Pima County should the need ever arise.

CERT is a program that helps citizens to be trained and prepared to meet their own needs in the event of an emergency. Pima County collaborates with cities, towns, Indian Nations, fire departments, hospitals and other private and public agencies in Pima County to coordinate and promote this valuable emergency training to businesses, neighborhoods and citizens. Training is free to the public. To learn more, visit [www.pimahealth.org](http://www.pimahealth.org) or [www.azvolunteer.com](http://www.azvolunteer.com).

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