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JPS Health Network Update Following Downtown Fort Worth Incident

Fort Worth, Texas – At 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, Dr. Raj Gandhi, JPS Medical Director of Trauma Services, provided media with the following update.

“On January 8, 2024, at 15:46 hours, JPS Health Network received notification through our emergency management team that we were to receive patients from an explosion. We received the first patient 20 minutes later and a total of seven patients throughout the evening.

As a 14-year Level I Trauma Center, we had already deployed our incident command system to care for these patients. We had three surgeons in the trauma bays and were able to take care of these patients in an expeditious fashion. One patient was transferred to Parkland for major burns. Two patients were admitted for their injuries here, and four were treated and released.

As a veteran Level I Trauma Center, we are always ready. I’d like to thank our Fort Worth Police, Fire, and MedStar teams for their outstanding coordination of care, and we were happy to provide them with care packages this afternoon as they’re still at the command center. We send our hopes and well wishes to the victims and their families.”

About JPS Health Network:

The Tarrant County Hospital District, known as JPS Health Network, is a tax-supported organization serving the healthcare needs of families across Tarrant County. JPS provides adult inpatient care at John Peter Smith Hospital, a facility licensed for 582 beds and located in Fort Worth, Texas. JPS has served as a Level I Trauma Center for Tarrant County for over a decade, and is currently the largest training institution in Fort Worth.

The health network offers comprehensive services including primary care, specialty care, and pharmacy at more than 25 community locations. JPS is dedicated to providing a full continuum of behavioral health services, including inpatient services at Trinity Springs Pavilion, emergency behavioral health services at our Psychiatric Emergency Center, outpatient services at our JPS clinics, and mental health services for children and adolescents through programs like TCHAT.

JPS is governed by an 11-member Board of Managers, whose members are appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.



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