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## Not on their Watch: Sheriff's Department Conducts Counter-Terrorism Training

Trying to attack an oil rig in L.A. County is a bad idea—a very bad one. Because if you do, professionals from almost every area of law enforcement will assemble, divide by specialty, then race to the rig from land, water, and the sky.

"It took about 15 minutes, 10-15 minutes to actually respond to the actual call," Deputy Sheriff Felipe Diaz said.

Law enforcement does something called top-down, bottom-up clearance as a tactical response to an oil rig attack. Personnel drop by rope out of helicopters to scale the rig, then speed up by boat. After converging and taking the terrorists into custody, their work is far from over.

Deputy Sheriff Felipe Diaz continues, "Right now, we have divers at the bottom, checking for IEDs."

This is a routine exercise for L.A. County law enforcement. Officials say they are constantly looking at how to become stronger, quicker and safer as a team.

"It's a great opportunity, not only for the Sheriff's Department, for all the other agencies, local, federal and state as well," Deputy Sheriff Felipe Diaz concludes.

Whether it is exercises or the real thing, these special tactical response teams are really making some big waves in law enforcement.