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★ CALL OF DUTY XP L.A. 2011 ★

# GAMING GET'S REAL

FHM WAS DEPLOYED TO LA TO SCOPE THE BIGGEST GAME PROMO EVER STAGED ON PLANET EARTH: CALL OF DUTY XP LA 2011. HERE'S WHY IT'S THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GAME EVER!

**T**he walkie-talkie crackles to life. "Delta Two, be advised, Thunder Road is closed. Repeat: Thunder Road is closed."

The flaming '66 Chev convertible that took a rocket square in the grill in front of us a few seconds ago is the reason why. "Anybody got any marshmallows?" we joke, in a feeble attempt to pacify our clenched sphincter.

"Damn, looks like we're gonna have to take a lil' detour now. Best y'all hang on to somethang!" yells driver Dan in a spiky Texan drawl that is comforting in a cowboy-saving-the-day kinda way. The guy whose job it is to get us through this mess in one piece spins the wheel of the Jeep Rubicon we find ourselves squished into and guns us clear over the pavement and down a steep sand embankment into a muck-filled ditch. FHM is still giggling drunkenly, as a ninja with an RPG appears in front of us and takes aim at our windscreen while the radio screams wild panic about a zombie horde having

overrun base camp. Of comfort to our mom and the HR lady back at FHM HQ is that we're not in Kabul but rather in a pants-wettingly detailed mini war zone built on the same film set where the last *Transformers* movie was shot, in Playa Vista, California. We're experiencing what it would be like to actually be in the explosive environs of the forthcoming *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* game.

Developers Activision Blizzard, Infinity Ward and Sledgehammer Games, together with our mates at Megarom in Jozi have gone to incredible lengths to bring the game alive for thousands of



"So you're telling me the Apple convention is next door?"



★ OH NICE!

All proceeds from ticket sales for the Call of Duty XP were donated to the Call of Duty Endowment, a non-profit, public-benefit corporation that seeks to help returning soldiers with their transition back to civilian life, find work and establish careers.

Metre maids got tough on fines evasion



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The Super Size option at the Seals canteen was a bad idea

