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Town Conducts Weeklong Emergency Management Exercise September is National Preparedness Month

(September 14, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – September is National Preparedness Month, and in the interest of making sure the Town is as prepared as possible for natural disasters and hazards, Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc has commenced a four day comprehensive Emergency Management Exercise. The drill involves all Town Directors, key staff, and partners from the American Red Cross, Eversource Energy, and the State of Connecticut.

“Emergency preparedness and planning is extremely important to ensuring the safety and health of our residents in the event of a disaster,” said Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc. “We are commencing this drill to make sure that when disaster strikes, East Hartford is ready. The town is taking all steps to be prepared – all of our residents should too.”

The exercise, known as an Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC), is run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA’s) Emergency Management Institute. It is a four day, exercise-based training course that places the Town’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff under realistic crisis situations within a structured learning environment.

While the Town’s preparedness can make a big difference, residents have a role to play in ensuring they can safely ride out a disaster. The theme of this year’s National Preparedness Month is “Don’t Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today. Individuals, families and businesses should prepare and stay informed. To prepare throughout the year go to www.do1thing.com a national preparedness website that provides a simple 12 month preparedness plan. September’s task is “Be Informed”. To stay informed in East Hartford go to www.ehalertct.gov and register for the EH Alert Network to receive critical information. You determine how you will receive the messages as well as the types of messages that are important to you.

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