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Town of East Hartford to Conduct Stop Log Exercise on Main Street (Route 5)

(May 28, 2018) East Hartford, CT – The Town has announced an upcoming Stop Log Exercise for the levee gate located on Main Street south of Pitkin Street, on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide real life experience to personnel from several different town agencies, including public works, the fire department, and the police department in responding to a flood emergency in East Hartford. It will involve building the complete stop log structure to its maximum height. Mayor Marcia Leclerc said, “The Stop Log Exercise will allow us to evaluate our operational readiness to respond to a flood emergency, as well as update all plans and procedures pertaining to our flood protection system.”

The exercise is scheduled to take approximately 10 hours and will start at 5:00 AM. Main Street (Route 5) will be closed to all traffic and pedestrians by 6:00 AM on Saturday June 9, 2018, and will be expected to remain closed for the duration of the exercise.

The effected section will be from Pitkin Street to Silver Lane Extension. There will be a posted detour route utilizing Pitkin and Jayce Streets, as well as Silver Lane Extension. All businesses within the area will remain open throughout the exercise and patrons will be allowed to access them either via Pitkin Street or from the intersection of Main Street and Silver Lane Extension. Police officers will be posted at various locations along the detour route to assist motorists. This area of Main Street will also be closed to pedestrians; a handicap accessible shuttle will be available to detour pedestrians around the closed route.

The general public is invited to view the exercise and a secure viewing area will be available to those who wish to come out. Parking will be available at Town Hall.

In the event of extreme weather the exercise will be postponed with a rain date of June 16th. Notification of this delay will be posted to the town’s website by June 8th.

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