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Town of East Hartford to Conduct Stop Log Exercise on September 28

Exercise Will Close CT Southern Railroad Track Behind Cedar Street

East Hartford, CT—The Town of East Hartford will conduct a stop log exercise for the levee gate located on the railroad tracks behind 12 Cedar Street in East Hartford. The exercise is scheduled to take place from 6 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, September 28. The drill is being held in accordance with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) mandates, to ensure the stop log structure can be installed in the event of a flooding emergency.

“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,” said Mayor Marcia Leclerc.

Please be advised, during the exercise Cedar Street from James Street to Charles Street will have no street parking. Additionally, this section of Cedar Street could be closed to through traffic during the drill, prompting motorists to detour. There will be no pedestrian traffic allowed to pass on the levee or the entrance to 12 Cedar Street during the drill and no vehicles should be left in the parking lot of 12 Cedar St over the weekend (from Friday night September 27 through Saturday afternoon, September 28). Operation of all businesses within the area shouldn't be impacted.

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 and will involve building a complete stop log structure to its maximum height across the railroad tracks behind the businesses on Cedar Street. This exercise will allow officials to test the updated Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Flood Protection System, as well as the Weather Annex within the Town of East Hartford Emergency Operations Plan.