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MTA Metro-North Railroad's Emergency Preparedness Exercise on May 16 Involves Eight Agencies from Westchester and New York City

Preparing for disaster, derailments, hazardous material spills, collisions, etc. requires constant training and Saturday, MTA Metro-North Railroad will conduct an emergency simulation with the participation of eight agencies from Westchester County and New York City.

The exercise is being conducted jointly by the MTA Police Department's Interagency Counter-Terrorism Task Force and the City of Mount Vernon.

Disaster drills have been performed since Metro-North was created in 1983 and they are vital training exercises. Although the scenarios change, the goal remains the same: to train Metro-North emergency crews, safety departments, the MTA police and local responders in the unique characteristics of train rescues.

These drills allow police, fire, ambulance corps, hazardous materials units and other emergency agencies and local authorities to experience dealing with third rail and catenary wire power, with train equipment and to learn the unique demands of responding to railroad emergencies.

Participants will include the MTA Office of Security, MTA Police Department, Metro-North's fire and emergency response teams, City of Mount Vernon's Fire and Police Departments, Westchester County Police, Westchester Office of Emergency Management, the New York State Office of Emergency Management, and Empress Ambulance Service.

The simulation will take place in the Mount Vernon train yard. Registration for press and participants begins at 8 a.m.

Those traveling by car are to park in the Fleetwood train station. A shuttle bus will take viewers to the site. The driving directions are as follows:

Northbound:

From Cross County Parkway take eastbound Exit 7, West Broad Street/Gramatan Avenue. At light, continue straight for one block. Make right at next traffic light, onto West Grand Street. At bottom of hill, turn right onto North MacQuesten Parkway. Station is on the left.

Southbound:

From Cross County Parkway take eastbound Exit 5, Midland Avenue/Kimball Avenue. At end of ramp, make right onto Midland Avenue. At light, make right onto Kimball Avenue. At light after highway underpass, make left onto Midland Avenue, again. Continue straight onto West Broad Street. After the bridge, make first right onto Locust Street. Turn right onto West Grand Street. At bottom of hill, turn right onto North MacQuesten Parkway. Station is on the left.

If you are traveling by train, the shuttle bus will meet regularly scheduled trains at the Fleetwood station.

Southbound trains from North White Plains:

Train Number	Arrives at Fleetwood
#9506	7:27 a.m.
#9508	7:57 a.m.
#9510	8:27 a.m.

Northbound trains from Grand Central Terminal:

Train Number	Arrives at Fleetwood
#9509	7:24 a.m.
#9511	7:58 a.m.
#9513	8:24 a.m.