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### Emergency Preparedness Exercise Planned In Grand Central Terminal Saturday

MTA Metro-North Railroad, in concert with New York City agencies will hold an emergency preparedness exercise this Saturday morning in Grand Central Terminal. Train service will not be affected, although customers may notice an exceptional number of police officers, firefighters, emergency medical responders and ambulances in and around the Terminal.

The exercise, which is held annually in compliance with federal requirements, will include participation by the New York City Fire Department, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department, and the New York State Office of Emergency Management.

There will be about 30 "victims," including two who will need to be transported to hospitals. The precise scenario will not be revealed to participants until the drill begins.

This exercise will focus on evaluating the ability of the agencies to mobilize and respond to a train accident. Participating agencies will have the opportunity to implement protocols under the Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) concepts.

The exercise also gives participating agencies an opportunity to exercise and train in an operating public transportation system and to assess the participating agencies' ability to effectively communicate and coordinate and their ability to resume rail operations.

In the event of an actual emergency during the exercise, a "Code Red" will be announced and all exercise activity will cease and the Rail Traffic Controllers will determine the course of events.

MEDIA INFO: Outlets wishing to cover this drill, please respond to 212-878-4767. The drill begins at 9 AM. Report to the Northeast Balcony. Take Elevator at Track 21 to level "E." Important: Proper footwear (lace-up and defined heel – no sneakers) must be worn.