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**NYC OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO HOST
A MULTI-AGENCY FIELD EXERCISE**

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the New York Fire Department (FDNY), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) will conduct a multi-agency field exercise on the Staten Island Ferry Wed, Nov. 01, 2006. The exercise will test the City's ability to respond to a waterway emergency. Scenario details are kept confidential prior to the exercise to ensure a realistic response from participants.

A large number of police, fire and other emergency vehicles will be present. Parking restrictions will be posted on local streets in advance of the exercise, and police will close off some area streets while emergency vehicles are deployed from staging areas in the vicinity of the Whitehall Ferry Terminal in Manhattan, the St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island, as well as the Stapleton Anchorage on Staten Island. Additionally, simulated smoke may be visible from the exercise along the St. George and Stapleton shore lines.

Additionally, simulated smoke may be visible from the ferry exercise. These activities are simulations and do not indicate an emergency or present a threat to public safety. Regular police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services will not be impacted. Participating agencies will maintain normal staffing levels throughout the exercise and remain capable of handling all routine operations.

Residents may call 311 or visit NYC.gov/oem for more information.

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