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Press Release

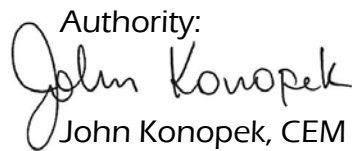
Plainfield - The Village of Plainfield, in conjunction with the Plainfield Fire and Ambulance Districts, Edward Hospital, Diageo, Plainfield Park District and Plainfield School District #202 shall be conducting a full-scale disaster exercise at several locations around Plainfield on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The exercise is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 12 noon. The disaster scenario involves a tornado striking Plainfield and a subsequent Hazardous Materials incident taxing local resources.

The locations where the drill will occur include the Edward Plainfield Campus, 127th Street and Van Dyke Road; Diageo, 24440 W. 143rd Street; the Plainfield Law Enforcement Center; Walker's Grove Elementary School and adjacent park area at Route 30 and 135th Street; and the Walker's Grove Tot Lot located on Blakely Drive in Walker's Grove subdivision.

Residents and motorists are advised to expect intermittent road closures around these exercise sites as well as a number of emergency response vehicles and role players simulating a response to the disaster.

This exercise is being conducted so Village and emergency response officials can test the effectiveness of the Village's Emergency Operations Plan, Emergency Operations Center, and also response capabilities to an incident with simultaneous multiple locations. Officials will also be sending out a simulated sheltering order to a select group of residential areas to test the response to the hazardous materials incident.

Anyone having questions regarding this exercise can contact Plainfield EMA Director John Konopek at either his office number of 815-439-4803 or e-mail, jkonopek@plainfieldpd.com.

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