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Craven County Participates with Local, State, and Federal Agencies in Comprehensive Emergency Response Drill

Craven County, N.C. —In an effort to enhance preparedness and coordination among emergency response teams, a Mass Casualty Exercise simulating a plane crash in the Neuse River will take place on Thursday, May 22. This significant training event is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM and will involve the participation of local, state, and federal agencies. The exercise aims to test and improve the capabilities of emergency responders in a realistic and controlled environment. Participants will include first responders, law enforcement, medical personnel, and various governmental agencies, all working together to ensure a comprehensive and effective response to a major disaster scenario.

Key Objectives

- Evaluate the readiness and coordination of multiple agencies in response to a mass casualty incident.
- Enhance communication and collaboration between local, state, and federal responders.
- Identify strengths and areas for improvement in emergency response plans and procedures.
- Provide practical training for emergency personnel in a simulated real-world scenario.

Public Advisory

The staging area for this event will be in Lawson Creek Park, with activities occurring along the Neuse River from Glenburnie Park to Union Point Park. Residents and businesses in the vicinity are advised that this is a scheduled exercise and not an actual emergency. There will be increased activity in the area, including the presence of emergency vehicles and personnel. We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of the community as we conduct this vital training to ensure the safety and preparedness of all involved.

Participation

In addition to Craven County Emergency Services and the Craven County Sheriff's Office, representatives from the following agencies will be participating in the exercise:

City of New Bern Fire and Rescue, New Bern Police Department, NC Wildlife, NC Marine Fisheries, Township 9 Fire and Rescue, Tri-Community Fire Department, Vanceboro Rescue, Fort Barnwell Rescue, New Bern Craven Rescue, Cherry Point Fire and Emergency Services, Havelock Fire and Rescue, Pamlico County Emergency Management, US Coast Guard, CarolinaEast EMS, Coastal Carolina Regional Airport, and other supporting agencies

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