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County Executive Ryan McMahon Announces Active Shooter Exercise To Be Held at War Memorial

Collaborative Exercise with SPD, OCSO, SFD and others

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon announced that on Tuesday November 19th from 5:00 P.M. until approximately midnight, there will be an active shooter exercise held in the War Memorial.

This is a collaborative exercise with the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management as well as several members of the Syracuse Police Department, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Syracuse Fire Department, American Medical Response, and a variety of Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement agencies from throughout Onondaga County. This exercise tests the ability and preparedness of responders and command staff to respond and function accordingly in an event where mass casualty exists as a result of shooting, explosions or vehicle ramming.

County Executive McMahon said, "This is an ongoing training exercise that has been held at many other venues throughout the County in the last couple years in response to these events taking place throughout the Country." McMahon continued, "Although it is our hope that an event such as this never becomes a reality for us, it is necessary to prepare our responders if such an incident were to occur locally."

Please take note of the date and time that this exercise is taking place as there will be a lot of activity in and around the War Memorial complex. This includes uniformed and non-uniformed personnel as well as a number of emergency vehicles. This is a very realistic training exercise and includes moulaged patients and simulated gun fire that could be considered to be real. This is an incredibly controlled training and there is no cause for alarm.

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