



PRESS RELEASE
Village of Bartlett

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DISASTER DRILL WILL TEST BARTLETT'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE

On the morning of Sunday, 10/21, the Village of Bartlett, the Bartlett Police Department, Bartlett Fire Protection District and Bartlett Park District will be testing Bartlett's emergency response capabilities with a full-scale, simulated emergency exercise near the Bartlett Park District Community Center, 700 S. Bartlett Road. This disaster drill is scheduled to begin at approximately 8 a.m.

Throughout the exercise, there will be an unusually large amount of police and fire vehicles, equipment and personnel in and around the community center. Hundreds of volunteers and multiple responding agencies will participate in this emergency drill in order to make it as realistic as possible and to maximize the challenge for the emergency responders. The entire exercise is expected to last approximately three to four hours.

Although the Bartlett Community Center will be open for regular use, because of the controlled nature of this drill and the Village's concern for the safety of the participants, residents are asked not to come to the park district grounds with the intent of observing this exercise.

Please be assured that if a real emergency were to occur during this time period police and fire district personnel are prepared to respond immediately to the actual situation.

The Village of Bartlett regularly conducts tabletop, functional and full-scale preparedness exercises within the community, in accordance with Illinois Emergency Management Agency guidelines. These "drills" provide invaluable information about the resources and the command, control and communications systems of the police department, fire district, public works department, other Village staff and other agencies. The Village is excited to continue building its public safety capabilities with this emergency exercise on 10/21.

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