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Orange County Successfully Conducts Full-Scale 'Hudson River' Emergency Preparedness Practice Exercise

Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus and the Orange County Department of Emergency Services announced the successful completion of the 2025 Hudson River Emergency Preparedness Exercise, held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The full-scale drill brought together more than 100 County employees together with local, regional, and state partners in a collaborative effort to strengthen emergency preparedness. The full-scale drill tested Orange County's emergency response capabilities related to Hudson River operations and Family Reunification Center procedures and other facets of County Government that would be required for a complete and successful response to an emergency.

At the request of County Executive Neuhaus, this full-scale practice drill was conducted to ensure that all agencies and departments are prepared to respond effectively in the event of an actual emergency.

"Running interagency drills like this one is critical to our ability to respond swiftly and effectively when a real emergency occurs," said Neuhaus. "This exercise gave our teams the opportunity to practice and refine our coordination, communication, and response systems in a realistic setting. Preparation like this saves lives, and I'm proud of the professionalism and dedication shown by everyone involved."

Commissioner of Emergency Services Pete Cirigliano praised the efforts of all participating agencies and County departments. "This exercise was a major success thanks to the strong collaboration across all levels of government," Cirigliano said. "It was especially encouraging to see how prepared our County departments were to step in and assist during a large-scale emergency. These practice drills are key to ensuring that every part of County government knows how to contribute and support our residents in times of crisis."

Media outlets had the opportunity to observe the drill, capture footage of real-time interagency coordination, and participate in a mock press conference simulating crisis communication.

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