

**Town of Cumberland**  
**Office of the Mayor**  
**Press Release**

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The Town of Cumberland and its Emergency Services along with the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be conducting a live full-scale exercise on Martin Street in Cumberland on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 4 PM to Midnight. The exercise will test the emergency response to a train de-railment in Cumberland resulting in a chemical release. The concentration of activity will be the area adjacent and around the railroad crossing on Martin Street.

The exercise will include a response from Federal, State and Local Agencies along with the Genesee Wyoming Railroad (formerly Providence Worcester Railroad). Motorists are asked to avoid travelling on Martin Street during the eight hour period as there will be road blocks in place. Portions of Martin Street will remain open during the exercise for localized businesses and their employees, all other traffic should seek alternative routes. It should be clear, that this is **ONLY** an exercise.

Additionally, during the exercise scenario, people may see activity at the Genesee Wyoming Railroad Office and switching station located between Titus Street and Mill Street in Valley Falls. This activity will also be a part of the exercise being conducted on Martin Street.

Questions or concerns regarding the exercise should be directed to either Cumberland Police Chief John Desmarais at 401-333-2500 or George Stansfield in the Mayor's Office at 401-728-2400 Ext. 134.