

PRESS RELEASE

Broadmeadow Estuary

Combined Services Training Exercise Saturday 16th April 2011

On Saturday 16th April 2011, at Broadmeadow Estuary in Swords, members of the public will be treated to the sight of a major flood evacuation training exercise involving members of Dublin Fire Brigade, Civil Defence Volunteers, Coastguard crews and members of An Garda Siochana.

Crews from Dublin Fire Brigade, Civil Defence Fire Service, Rescue and also the Boat Rescue and also crews from the Coastguard and members of An Garda Siochana will attend the scenario-based exercise, the main objective of which is to rescue a number of people who are stranded as a result of a flash flood. Crews will be testing water rescue and also river search procedures, with an emphasis on general water safety and providing assistance to other rescue agencies.

Please note: in the event of an emergency call-out elsewhere, some or all of the agencies scheduled to take part in this training exercise may not attend.

Briefing of crews and volunteers will take place at 10.00am at Malahide R.F.C. , and the exercise will start at 11.00am, taking approximately 1 hour. Members of the public are welcome to observe but must obey any instructions from uniformed personnel and must not obstruct the exercise at any point.

Further information is available from the Assistant Chief Civil Defence Officer with responsibility for the Fingal Area, Bill Powderly. Bill can be contacted directly at bill.powderly@dublincity.ie or on 086 380 5197.

Any members of the press or media who would like to attend at the Flood Evacuation Exercise on Saturday 16th April May 2010 at Broadmeadow Estuary, Swords, Co. Dublin should contact Bill Powderly at the email/number above.

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