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Exercise Celebratory Spirit

Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games

Dufferin County has been actively engaged in Exercise Celebratory Spirit which began Tuesday morning and runs through Thursday evening. This emergency exercise is being held to test the response to a major emergency should one occur during this summer's Pan-Am Games.

As a host community Dufferin County is practicing their emergency protocols with ten provincial ministries, six federal agencies, more than 15 other municipalities and several other agencies who all have a role to play in the games.

“Emergency exercises are a routine occurrence for Dufferin County” said Warren Maycock, the County of Dufferin’s Warden. “These simulated incidents help our staff and partner agencies to be prepared for the worst case scenario’s that can strike at any time”. While the most frequent threats to Dufferin County are weather related it is necessary to be prepared for incidents like pandemics, chemical spills, explosions and power outages just to name a few. As we approach Emergency Preparedness week in May the Warden suggests that “all families and businesses take some time to practice their own emergency procedures”.

During Exercise Celebratory Spirit Dufferin County's Emergency Control Group, which consists of senior personnel and specialists, will direct a simulated response to a variety of threats using the plans and procedures developed to keep our community safe. Exercises such as Celebratory Spirit will help to ensure a very successful TO2015 PanAm Games and a disaster resilient Dufferin County.

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