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MONTEREY FIRE AND MONTEREY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION CO-HOSTING MULTI-AGENCY HIGH RISE FIRE DRILL
Tuesday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Monterey Marriott Hotel

Monterey, Calif. – The Monterey Fire Department and the Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association are co-hosting a countywide, multi-agency, high rise drill, Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Monterey Marriott Hotel, 350 Calle Principal. Approximately 80 personnel (including ten chief officers), 20 fire engines/trucks, two ambulances, and two police units will be on scene participating. The following agencies will send personnel: Monterey Fire Department; Monterey Police Department; Carmel Fire Ambulance; CAL FIRE San Benito-Monterey Unit (BEU); Seaside Fire Department; Marina Fire Department; Monterey County Regional Fire District; North County Fire District; Salinas Fire Department; King City Fire Department; Greenfield Fire Department; Hollister Fire Department; American Medical Response (AMR); Monterey Peninsula College Fire Academy; and County of Monterey Fire Communications. Other organizations supporting the exercise include the Monterey Marriott; the Old Monterey Business Association; and the City of Monterey’s Streets and Parking divisions.

The drill will involve a staging and briefing at 9:30 a.m. (staging will take place at the parking lot next to Dust Bowl Brewing Company between Fisherman’s Wharf and the Municipal Wharf 2); dispatch at 10:00 a.m. (this is the crews simulating the incident being called-in and beginning); and the response will be over by 1:00 p.m. Traffic control will be in place on streets during this

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time around the Monterey Marriott - Calle Principal and Pacific Street between Del Monte Avenue and Franklin Street. Drivers in the area should be aware of the drill and expect slower traffic as those streets may be reduced to one lane in each direction, and there will be many first responders and associated vehicles in the area during the drill. The event is expected to have minimal impact to area businesses.

The purpose of the training is to exercise the Monterey County Fire Chief's High Rise Firefighting Guidelines, and to provide training for local agencies related to firefighting in high-rise buildings (structures over 75 feet tall), which are physically challenging due to their size and the complexity of fires potentially encountered. This training also serves as a movement drill to exercise the mutual aid system, dispatch system, communications systems, and interagency operations.

“Continuous training is essential to being prepared and ready when called to any type of emergency, especially one as time-critical as a fire in a high-rise building,” said Monterey Fire Division Chief Greg Greenlee. “Working and training with emergency management professionals from many outstanding agencies throughout Monterey County increases experience in mutual aid events and makes our communities more resilient.”

*Media interested in attending: The drill begins at 10:00 a.m. Media can be on scene. Media who want to film the event should arrive by 9:45 a.m. Interviews will be available at approximately 11:00 a.m.*

Photos from Monterey Fire high-rise drills in 2017 and 2016:
The City of Monterey Fire Department proudly serves the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Sand City, as well as Naval Postgraduate School, La Mesa Village, and Monterey Regional Airport

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