



KANE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MEDIA ADVISORY

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‘Ride for a Reason’ to test emergency preparedness

The following is the schedule for the Kane County Medical Reserve Corps’ Rescue Riders “Ride for a Reason” emergency preparedness drill on June 23. Times are approximate.

- **START:** Nello’s Motorcycles, 115 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. First bikes depart at 9 a.m. to command center.
- **COMMAND CENTER:** Jericho Park – Amateur Radio Emergency Service (Rider Dispatch), Jericho Road & Orchard Road. Bikes will be dispatched to “disaster” sites in teams of two riders each. Half of the teams will head to the Kaneland site, the others to Hampshire. The Kaneland teams will progress to Pingree Grove, the Hampshire teams will head to West Dundee. All teams will visit the Red Cross station. Teams will spend about 15 minutes at each site.

There will be opportunities for reporters and/or photographers to ride along with the Rescue Riders during the drill, although space will be limited. To check on availability, please contact Dean Akey at (630) 232-9811.

- **SITE 1A:** Kaneland High School – IMERT/INVENT, 47W326 Keslinger Road, Maple Park.
- **SITE 1B:** Hampshire High School – IMERT/INVENT, 560 S. State St., Hampshire.
- **SITE 2:** West Dundee Fire Department – Kane County Medical Reserve Corps (First Aid Moulage) 100 Carrington Drive, West Dundee.
- **SITE 3:** Pingree Grove Fire Protection District – IMERT/INVENT, 39 W160 Plank Road, Elgin.
- **SITE 4:** Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross — (Arm Splinting) 121 N. Second St., St. Charles.
- **SITE 5:** McNally’s Irish Pub, de-briefing, 201 E. Main St., St. Charles,.

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The drill will simulate conditions following an F-5 tornado. Riders will stop at pre-selected “Disaster Scenes” to practice first aid and emergency preparedness skills. Joining MRC volunteers will be members from the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team, Illinois Nurse Volunteer Emergency Needs Team, Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross, who will be at each site demonstrating emergency response skills and asking for assistance from participants. In addition, members of the Boy Scouts of America will be volunteering as patients at the sites. The First Aid moulage, or simulated wounds, can be quite graphic and is intended to appear as realistic as possible.

Participants will receive a FREE Rescue Riders T-shirt and FREE food and refreshments at the end of the ride.

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