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MEDIA ALERT

Port of Albany to conduct Security Drill

Note: Media are required to RSVP no later than Thursday, September 21, 7:00 pm by contacting Penny Vavura at 518-339-6042. Parking information will be communicated then.

WHAT:

The Albany Port District Commission and state/local first responders will be conducting a security drill in accordance with the training and guidelines provided by the New York State Emergency Management Office and the US Department of Homeland Security's Exercise and Evaluation Program.

The purpose of the drill is to enhance emergency and law enforcement response to maritime incidents occurring in the Port of Albany vicinity and along the Hudson River.

WHEN:

Friday, September 22
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

WHERE:

Activity will be limited to the area in and around the Port of Albany (specifically the Terminal area) and in and along the Hudson River (adjacent).

WHO:

Participants include Albany Port District Commission Security and Maintenance, Albany County Emergency Management Team, Albany County Health Department, Albany Fire, Albany Police, Federal Marine Terminal, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Police, US Coast Guard, and US Customs and Border Protection

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With four transport modes -- ocean vessels, barges, freight railroads, interstate highways -- the Port of Albany is Upstate New York's largest public port/logistics hub and serves as a Port of Entry with on-site U.S. Customs office and bonded warehouse. The Port includes deep-water (31') access and nearly 450 acres of land on both sides of the Hudson River including a total of 5,400 LF of wharf, with an additional 500 LF planned. The Port of Albany is open and active year-round and is located 124 nautical miles north of the Battery in New York Harbor. The facility is currently undertaking nearly \$50 million in maritime upgrades as well as \$700+ million port expansion investments. For more information, visit www.portofalbany.us