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Light Rail Rescue Drill Courtesy Notice

This courtesy notice is being sent in the event you get questions from the public about safety exercise activity this weekend along the Angle Lake Link light rail line, a new extension that will open this fall south of the airport.

On Saturday, August 20, 2016, the Kent Regional Fire Authority will be participating with Sound Transit in a required, pre-service safety exercise at the new light rail station located at S. 200th Street west of International Blvd. The scheduled start time is 8:30 am.

The purpose of the exercise is to help emergency responders prepare for potential incidents on the elevated rail system once passenger service begins. The goal is to ensure the safety of commuters and firefighters in the unlikely event of an actual emergency.

Firefighters from throughout south King County, as well as the Seattle Fire Department, will be participating in the exercise. They will be simulating a train derailment and fire with people acting as injured passengers. Actors will be wearing makeup that simulates various injuries.

Because the tracks are elevated, fire department ladder trucks will be used to gain access to the train and patients.

The City of SeaTac will also be activating its Emergency Operations Center while the drill is in progress. During an actual incident, the EOC would support the operation with planning, logistics, and resources.

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