



FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY DRILL IN ALAMEDA CORRIDOR

Exercise To Include Hazardous Materials Release and Conductor Rescue

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What: An emergency preparedness drill involving multiple local fire departments and first responder agencies will be held inside the Alameda Corridor. Visuals for the emergency scenario will include the sighting of smoke coming from a cargo container on a train in the Alameda Corridor trench, dousing of the smoking container with water hoses, followed by a rescue from inside the Corridor.

In addition to the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) and Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), this full-scale exercise will provide a vivid depiction of unified command between the LAFD, LACoFD, Vernon FD, Compton FD, LAPD, LASD, Union Pacific Railroad, BNSF Railroad and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA).

The Alameda Corridor is a 20-mile dedicated freight expressway linking the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the transcontinental rail network near downtown Los Angeles. The project, which opened in 2002, was built by ACTA, a joint powers authority governed by the cities and Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The total number of trains using the Alameda Corridor has increased from just over 14,000 trains in the first year of operation to over 16,000 trains in 2008.

When: Sunday, March 15, 2009
Staging begins at 8:00 a.m., exercise to start at approximately 8:30 a.m. and expected to conclude by 11:00 a.m.

Where: 52nd Street at Little Alameda
City of Vernon
(Thomas Guide p. 674, G-4)

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