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Criminal Mass Casualty Incident Exercise Scheduled for Saturday January 7

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (January, 2017) – On Saturday, January 7, 2017 the Bainbridge Island Fire and Police Departments will be conducting a criminal mass casualty incident exercise at the Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church located at 11042 Sunrise Drive.

The purpose of the exercise is to prepare emergency responders to work together to mitigate the effects of a criminal mass casualty event anywhere in Kitsap County. The exercise will take place between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. During Saturday's event, police and fire agencies will exercise responding to a simulated shooting at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church. Community members can expect to see numerous fire and police vehicles, and may hear simulated gunfire as part of the exercise. Additionally, actors will be using make-up to simulate injuries associated with this type of event. Members of the Bainbridge Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will act as victims and bystanders

Law enforcement has stringent safety measures in place to ensure the safety of the public and all personnel involved in the training. The area around the church property will be secured, and we ask that all bystanders respect the security lines so that the exercise can proceed safely and on-time

In May of 2016, Kitsap County fire and law officials agreed upon a common operating procedure for an event of this type in Kitsap County. A criminal mass casualty incident, such as a shooting in a shopping mall or other large gathering area, will require responders from all over the County to work together to mitigate the issue. Training opportunities and a common operating procedure are key to the effective response to such an event.

If citizens have any questions concerning this training event, they are encouraged to contact the Bainbridge Island Fire Department at 206-451-2033.

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