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**Falmouth EMA Assists in Planning Regional Shelter Drill**

Falmouth Emergency Management is working with Cumberland County Emergency Management and the American Red Cross to host a regional shelter drill at the Falmouth High School on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The exercise is a continuation of preparedness efforts to improve the coordination and collaboration of the partnering organizations and special teams. The exercise is designed to prepare to meet the needs of shelter clients in the event of an evacuation of the general population. More than 125 volunteers will participate as players, simulating citizens entering the shelter as evacuees. The shelter will run as a live operation for five hours.

Shelter Exercise Partners include: Falmouth Emergency Management, American Red Cross of Maine, Salvation Army, Cumberland County Animal Response Team, Somerset County Animal Response Team, Cumberland County Medical Reserve Corps and Functional Assessment Services Team, Red Cross Ready When the Time Comes (UNUM Volunteer Team), Maine Center Disease Control, Southern Maine Regional Resource Center, Maine Emergency Management Agency, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency, and the Falmouth Schools.

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