## Somers Fire Department Press Release

## Simulated Hazardous Materials Exercise

The Somers Fire Department will be conducting a simulated Hazardous Materials exercise on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The actual exercise will be conducted in the area of the Scout Lodge, 78 Battle Street in Somers. It will kick off around 2 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

Every year the Somers Fire Department trains our first responders to be able to recognize and take initial actions at a potential chemical or terrorism event. This exercise will give our members an opportunity to put some of those skills to the test. For this exercise we will also be involving the CT National Guard ó 14<sup>th</sup> WMD Civil Support Team. This will give both the Somers Fire Department and the CST members an opportunity to work together.

Residents are advised that there may be traffic delays in the area of Battle Street for portions of the afternoon and evening on April 21st. This exercise will also be conducted with support from various other agencies, so you may notice an increased presence of emergency vehicles around town that day.

If there are any questions, you may contact the Somers Fire Department at (860) 749-7626.

Thanks You,

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