



KANE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Rescue Rider drill to simulate tornado scenario

The Kane County Medical Reserve Corps continues to take registrations for its second Rescue Rider Preparedness Ride on Saturday, June 23. This event is FREE and open to all riders regardless of affiliation, prior training or certification. However, registration is limited to the first 100 participants. To register please visit www.RescueRiders.org.

- Starting point: Nello's Motorcycles, 115 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia
- Registration is between 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Bikes depart between 9 a.m. -11 a.m.

The drill will simulate conditions following a tornado. Riders will stop at pre-selected "Disaster Scenes" to practice first aid and emergency preparedness skills. Joining MRC volunteers will be members from the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team, Illinois Nurse Volunteer Emergency Needs Team, Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross, who will be at each site demonstrating emergency response skills and asking for assistance from participants. In addition, members of the Boy Scouts of America will be volunteering as patients at the sites. The First Aid moulage, or simulated wounds, can be quite graphic and is intended to appear as realistic as possible.

Participants will receive a FREE Rescue Riders T-shirt and FREE food and refreshments at the end of the ride.

There will be opportunities for reporters and/or photographers to ride along with the Rescue Riders during the drill, although space will be limited. To check on availability, please contact Dean Akey at (630) 232-9811.

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**2007 Kane County Health Department
Medical Reserve Corps/Rescue Riders Sites**

- **START:** Nello's Motorcycles, 115 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia.
- **COMMAND CENTER:** Jericho Park – Amateur Radio Emergency Service (Rider Dispatch), Jericho Road & Orchard Road.
- **SITE 1A:** Kaneland High School – IMERT/INVENT, 47W326 Keslinger Road, Maple Park.
- **SITE 1B:** Hampshire High School – IMERT/INVENT, 560 S. State St., Hampshire.
- **SITE 2:** West Dundee Fire Department – Kane County Medical Reserve Corps (First Aid Moulage) 100 Carrington Drive, West Dundee.
- **SITE 3:** Pingree Grove Fire Protection District – IMERT/INVENT, 39 W160 Plank Road, Elgin.
- **SITE 4:** Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross — (Arm Splinting) 121 N. Second St., St. Charles.
- **SITE 5:** McNally's Irish Pub, de-briefing, 201 E. Main St., St. Charles.

The Rescue Riders is a group of local bikers who have volunteered to be members in the Kane County Medical Reserve Corps. In a disaster such as a tornado, a weather phenomenon all-too common in the Midwest, tree limbs and building debris will be scattered everywhere, including streets and highways. Hours, even days will pass before the routes are cleared for emergency traffic. The motorcycle's ability to travel where a four-wheeled vehicle cannot makes it the ideal form of transportation during an emergency.

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