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City Participates in National Hurricane Preparedness Week

STAMFORD, CT - The Mayor's Office and the Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare assembled yesterday in the Emergency Operations Center to review Hurricane and Coastal Storm Readiness Protocols with all city departments, CL&P, the Red Cross and other agencies in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

With Hurricane season officially beginning June 1st and continuing through November 30th, residents should be aware that hurricanes put communities at risk of catastrophic damage from storm surges, flooding, high winds, and tornadoes. History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. "The possibility of a Hurricane impacting Stamford is real. By knowing our vulnerabilities and what actions should be taken, we can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster on our families, individuals, businesses and on our community. Taking the steps to prepare can reduce the impact of hurricane disasters if they strike." said Mayor David Martin.

During National Hurricane Preparedness Week, we recommend that all residents within the Stamford community revisit emergency weather plans to prevent loss of life and damage to property. These precautions, as well as awareness of hurricane hazards, will be essential in protecting our families, our homes, and our neighborhoods.

The Director of Public Safety Thaddeus Jankowski said, "Stamford residents have experienced the devastating effects of weather events firsthand. Planning is so important. Being prepared and understanding how to react to hazards and risks associated with a hurricane are vital to one's safety."

The City of Stamford spent the week preparing for the Hurricane Season. We encourage all Stamford residents and visitors to also prepare by developing an emergency plan, creating an emergency supply kit and developing a family communications plan to help ensure loved ones can find one another before and after a severe storm. Hurricane preparedness information can be found by logging onto www.BePreparedStamford.org website and follow the link to "Stamford Be Prepared" website.

Residents are also urged to register for Stamford Alert (Stamford's Emergency Notification System) which is on the "Stamford Be Prepared" website. Social Media is

another way to follow the City of Stamford during emergency situations. Please visit us on Twitter and Facebook.

Any questions may be directed to Citizen Services at 203-977-4140. Additional information on how to prepare for and respond to severe weather may be obtained by visiting www.Ready.gov and www.Weather.gov.

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