




INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Mayor and Members Emergency & Community Services	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: September 21, 2011	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Emergency Management Exercise Initiative (HES11015) (City Wide)	
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Council Direction:

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Information:

The cities of Toronto and Hamilton will be participating in a Public Safety Canada and Emergency Management Ontario Trillium/TransGuard Initiative that will transpire in the Fall of 2011 and Spring of 2012. This inter-agency Emergency Management exercise is a collaborative effort that will include Federal, Provincial and Municipal stakeholders.

Trillium/TransGuard is a joint Federal-Provincial transit exercise initiative consisting of one tabletop exercise (Fall 2011) and one full-scale field exercise (Spring 2012). The aim of these exercises is to evaluate emergency management and security related plans and their supporting processes. These exercises will serve to further test and enhance our inter-regional and multi-jurisdictional response capabilities.

Key focuses of the exercises will include security and consequence management interface, and the supporting plans, policies and procedures that will be implemented to support a coordinated response to a significant multi-jurisdictional event. This coordinated response will span across municipal safety and security, national security and intelligence (i.e. information sharing between Federal partners and other levels of

government). During the actual field exercise we anticipate minimal community interruption.

Upon approval of the City Solicitor, the City of Hamilton will be entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with our partners. The MOA will cover in detail project aim, design, delivery and exercise scope, as well as any potential funding requirements. In the event there are costs associated with this exercise there may be minimal budgetary impacts; however, the City expects full cost recovery. The City of Hamilton will be receiving Federal funding and Provincial in-kind support for this full-scale exercise.