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Full-scale water rescue exercise

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga. – On **Tuesday, September 27, 2016**, local and state public safety agencies along with local community partners will conduct a full-scale exercise based on response to distressed swimmers between Massengale Park and 10th Street of St. Simons Island, Ga. This exercise will take place from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00pm. The exercise will focus primarily on preparing emergency responders to effectively respond to a water rescue incident.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide participants with an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans, and capabilities for responding to a water incident off of the coast of St. Simons Island. The exercise will focus on key local emergency responder coordination, critical decision making, and integration of the state and local community assets necessary to save lives.

Representatives from the following agencies will participate in the exercise:

- Glynn County Fire Department and EMS
- Glynn- Brunswick 911 Communications Center
- Glynn County Police Department
- Glynn County Sheriff's Office
- City of Brunswick Police Department
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Coast Guard

- Sea Island
- Harbor Pilots
- SeaTow
- Jekyll Island Fire Department

For more information on this exercise, including information about a media staging area, please contact John Powell, Director of Community Services, at 912-554-7736.

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