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Akron drill planned for Saturday

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Perry's Ice Cream in Akron will be the scene of a simulated hazardous materials release for an emergency response drill Saturday.

Newstead Disaster Coordinator Glenn Joachimiak gave a brief outline of the planned exercise—which runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p. m.—at this week's Akron Village Board meeting.

“This allows us to practice our unified command,” he said, noting that the event will include the Newstead and Akron fire companies, hazmat teams from the Clarence Fire Company and Erie County, Perry's emergency response team and other local emergency services, including police agencies.

The simulated emergency at Perry's will end with a meeting at the Newstead Fire Company to analyze how the response worked, Joachimiak said.

He said that the drill will also involve a “mock evacuation” of the area around Perry's and that residents have been informed.

Mayor Carl Patterson said, “We're lucky to have the volunteers that we have in this community to carry off something of this magnitude.”

Village Trustee Brian Wittlinger said, “We're ahead of the [state and federal] agencies that are going to require” this type of emergency disaster drill.

Joachimiak also noted that emergency coordinators in Erie County's municipalities are working closely with the county on its response to the H1N1, or swine flu, situation. He said that school districts and businesses might become sites for administering the vaccine when it becomes available and that residents would receive information about any inoculation program from local media and other sources.

In other business, the board held a public hearing on what types of projects it might include in this year's application for a share of Erie County's community development block grant program. No

residents spoke.

Some possibilities under consideration are funding for the renovation of the State Street Bridge, a water line and other improvements for Marshall Street and a sidewalk on Scotland Road near the Town Park. The board is expected to make its decision at the Oct. 19 meeting. The application is due to the county by Oct. 26.

At its work session, the board discussed a request from a resident to curb tractor-trailer and truck delivery traffic on Eckerson Avenue.

Public Works Superintendent Robert Kowalik was asked to study the situation.

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