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NEWS RELEASE

STRATHAM, PARTNER AGENCIES COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL TRAINING

STRATHAM, N.H. The New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) along with the Town of Stratham and other partners participated in a training exercise on Thursday, October 27, 2022, in Stratham Hill Park.

The training consisted of a full-scale exercise involving several area police and fire departments and other first responder agencies.

"Today, hundreds of New Hampshire Seacoast first responders took part in a full-scale active threat exercise at Stratham Hill Park," said Steven Cooper, a Training Officer with HSEM. "As the exercise planner and director, I watched New Hampshire's first responders with pride as they continue to prepare for critical incidents to keep our residents and visitors safe."

The full-scale exercise is a culmination of about a year of work. More than 25 agencies and over 200 people participated.

"The planning and playing out of this exercise shows the importance of communities and their partners working together," said Deborah Yeager, Assistant Chief of Preparedness and Response - Training & Exercise with HSEM. "Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to help strengthen the response to potential threats to our state."

Funding for the exercise came from federal grants. Towns can find information about available grants for training and exercises on the [HSEM Resource Center](#).

HSEM Training & Exercise provides support to all New Hampshire communities, including exercise planning, development and conduct (controlling/evaluating), after action reports and improvement plans, grant guidance, photography/videography, logistics and equipment.

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