MEDIA ADVISORY



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WeGo Star to stage mock disaster drill April 6 Drill to engage local emergency response crews, train operators

NASHVILLE – The WeGo Star will take part in a mock disaster drill to refresh the safety training and increase the preparedness in the event of a real-life train emergency on Tuesday, April 6, from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The drill, coordinated by the Transit Solutions Group, a RJ Corman Rail Road Company, is scheduled to take place at the Martha Train Station and will include the participation of a multi-agency team of state and local law enforcement, emergency response crews, healthcare providers, and operations management teams.

This exercise will test various emergency support functions and challenge the WeGo Star and first responders with the task of moving a large number of people while working a mass casualty incident, providing emergency medical services, and preserving evidence for a criminal investigation. The drill will be conducted after normal revenue operation and at the time of the drill, passengers on board will be volunteer participants.

Public information officers from WeGo Public Transit and the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency will be on the scene to keep media apprised of the operation and drill progress. A designated media area will be established at the train station for outlets to ensure safety while the drill is being conducted for those seeking footage and interviews.

WeGo Public Transit has provided regional rail service between Lebanon and Nashville since September 18, 2008. The WeGo Star makes four daily trips between Lebanon and downtown Nashville Monday through Friday and is responsible for transporting approximately 1,100 commuters (pre-pandemic) to and from work each weekday.

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