



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**  
**October 17, 2015**

**Incident: Disaster Drill**  
**Location: Advanced Coating Technologies, 60 Turner Drive, Town of Wallkill**  
**Date/Time: October 17, 2015/7:30 am**

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, at approximately 7:30 am, the Town of Wallkill Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”) conducted a drill simulating an explosion and hazardous material leak at Advanced Coating Technologies. OEM Co-Directors Chief Hertman and Lou Ingrassia Jr., OEM Coordinator Joe Andre and Silver Lake First Assistant Fire Chief Joe Morstatt, working alongside OEM members and personnel from Advanced Coating Technologies planned the drill. During the simulation, members of the Silver Lake Fire Department and Wallkill Police officers responded to a purported smoke alarm at the Turner Drive facility. Responding firefighters were confronted with a scenario which quickly evolved into a larger scale emergency that impacted the entire facility and spread to the surrounding area. Through the Town’s OEM, resources from surrounding fire districts, hazardous materials personnel, emergency medical services and the New York State Police, swarmed into the area. The purpose of this drill was to evaluate the Town’s response to large scale emergencies. The evaluation includes communications, plan review and general preparedness. As part of the Town’s ongoing commitment to ensure the safety of the residents and visitors to the Town, a review of the drill will take place at the OEM’s next regularly scheduled meeting.

The following agencies also participated: Circleville Fire Department, Mechanicstown Fire Department, Bloomingburg Fire Department, Howells Fire Department, Orange County Hazardous Materials Team, Huguenot Fire Department, Orange County Division of Emergency Communications, Mobile Life Support Services and the New York State Police.

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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