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OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING HOSTED BY MONTEREY FIRE Friday, July 12, 2019, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey Fire Department will host local safety agencies in a land-based oil spill response training and exercise on Friday, July 12, 2019 in Monterey Harbor. The training will begin at 1:00 p.m. in waterfront lot # 2 near the Coast Guard Pier.

Staff from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) will provide a refresher training to agencies who would be called upon during an actual spill emergency event.

An oil boom deployment exercise will follow in a shallow water area of the harbor between Wharf 1 and Breakwater Cove Marina. The goal of the exercise will be to contain a simulated land-based oil spill in the harbor from a storm drain near the Coastal Recreational Trail. No product will be discharged into the water during this exercise. The oil boom will be deployed from Monterey Fire's OSPR Trailer, an apparatus grant funded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to the City of Monterey in 2011. Agencies including Monterey Fire Department, Monterey Harbor Division, Coast Guard, CAL Fire, and California State Parks will use their vessels to deploy oil boom in this area to contain the simulated spill. A combination of small craft, including Personal Water

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Craft (PWC) and Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRB) will be used to deploy the boom, depending on the water depth. The exercise will conclude with stowing equipment and a debrief meeting at approximately 4 p.m.

Media and the public will have an opportunity to watch the exercise from the Coastal Recreation Trail adjacent to the drill exercise area.

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