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# Central Park Medical Unit news release

## Central Park Medical Unit to Participate in Disaster Response Drill at JFK Airport

**New York, December 14, 2003:** Volunteer EMT's with the Central Park Medical Unit will participate in a drill at JFK Airport on the morning of Sunday, December 14, 2003. This training exercise is being sponsored by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and will involve evacuating and treating victims of a mock-accident aboard the new Air Train, which will begin service December 17, 2003.

The Central Park Medical Unit is an all-volunteer organization that has provided a safety net for the millions of individuals who have visited Central Park over the past three decades. With the fastest response time in New York State, at just under three minutes, the Central Park Medical Unit is prepared to provide sick and injured park patrons expert medical care completely free of charge.

The Central Park Medical Unit is also prepared to assist the larger New York City community at times of great need. The Central Park Medical Unit has been intimately involved in numerous city-wide disasters, recently including the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks on the World Trade Center, the Flight 587 plane crash, and the August 2003 Blackout. In all of these disasters, the Central Park Medical Unit has integrated into the larger New York City EMS system to augment the resources available to the entire city.

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The Central Park Medical Unit's participation in this training event marks a very important juncture in creating a more fluid emergency response to disasters in New York City where many different agencies, volunteer, municipal, and private, will be forced to cooperate and share resources. This is one of the first training exercises that has included such a wide range of ambulance resources. The Central Park Medical Unit is one of New York City's largest volunteer ambulance squads and stands ready to provide enormous assistance to the greater New York City community during times of need.

For further information regarding the Central Park Medical Unit, contact Rafael Castellanos or visit [www.cpmu.com](http://www.cpmu.com).