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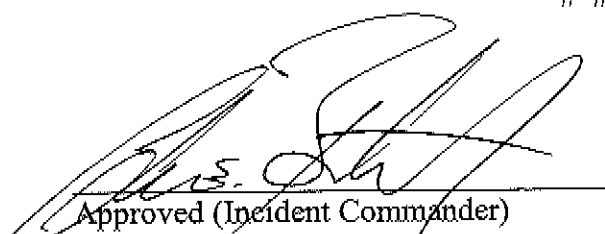
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## City Prepares for Flood Fight

(Mount Vernon, WA) – The City of Mount Vernon is in the initial stages of preparing for a flood fight in the downtown core. City staff and other designated workers will begin filling sandbags this afternoon in anticipation of rising waters in the Skagit River. One to two feet of flooding is expected along the revetment in downtown Mount Vernon. Weather forecasts are calling for 6"-10" of rain on the west slope of the North Cascades in the next 48 hours.

At this time, community members are not needed for sandbagging operations. A decision will be made mid-afternoon today about the need for volunteers to assist with flood fight operations. The Mount Vernon Fire Department requests that residents wait until a call is put out for volunteers before coming to help. Area residents should listen to KBRC 1430am or KAPS 660am or watch TV10 for the most recent information on the flood fight and the need for volunteers.

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