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Mount Vernon to practice setting up flood fight fence

Mount Vernon, Washington—The City has recently acquired a new mobile flood fence that will be used to help protect its downtown area during Skagit River flood events. City staff will be setting the flood fence up along Main Street in downtown Mount Vernon on Monday, September 24, 2007 as a practice exercise.

The flood fence will be set up in the morning between 8 am and 12 pm, and removed in the afternoon between 1 pm and 5 pm. Press members interested in witnessing the setup process are encouraged to visit the site between 10 am and 1 pm.

The new wall is much easier to deploy than the City's current flood fighting efforts that rely upon extensive volunteer and sandbagging operations. It can be set up with fewer than thirty people in less than five hours. Even so, the City will not eliminate its use of backup sandbagging operations until the new product is shown to perform successfully during a major flood event.

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