

Press release



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999 Emergency Services Day

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One of the Maldon district's biggest and most popular events, 999 Emergency Services Day, is coming to Promenade Park on Sunday June 13. It is hoped this year's event will be bigger and better than ever, with plenty to see and do on the day and fun for all the family to enjoy.

The event is organised by the Maldon District Community Safety Partnership and promises to include something for everyone. Entry is free and the fun starts at 12.30pm and runs through to 4.30pm.

Representatives from Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, East of England Ambulance Service, the Royal National Lifeboat Association (RNLI) HM Coastguard, British Divers Marine Life Rescue Team, will all be on hand to give advice and talk about what they do.

Lauren Hockney, community safety development officer, is organising this year's 999 Day. She is determined to ensure it is as successful as in previous years.

She said: "It is such a fun day, it really does have something to interest people of any age.

"It also raises awareness about the important work carried out by the emergency services and will highlight community safety issues in the Maldon district."

The event will include displays throughout the day, including a river rescue organised and co-ordinated by HM Coastguard, involving coastguards, RNLI, officers from Burnham's marine unit and the fire service. A mock arrest will also be carried out by Essex Police and a water pump display will demonstrated by officers from the fire service.

Horses and officers from the Essex Police mounted section will be attending, along with a dog handler and furry companion from the dog unit in Sandon.

It is hoped Essex Air Ambulance and the Essex Police helicopter will also be landing on the day, giving a unique opportunity to speak to the crews and take a look inside the aircraft.

A number of exhibitors and stall holders will also be making sure there are plenty of activities and goods to interest visitors, and for youngsters there will be face painting, games and a number of inflatables to keep them entertained.

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