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Walden Galleria to host final security lockdown drill

In a continued effort to enhance the safety and security of Western New York's largest shopping center, Walden Galleria will be hosting the fourth and final lockdown drill of the year at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25.

This drill is a precautionary measure conducted by Walden Galleria Security and the Cheektowaga Police Department to equip employees with proper training and responsiveness in the case of an emergency. Lockdown drills are administered quarterly to establish a basis for procedure if a situation should present itself.

The drill is anticipated to last approximately 15 minutes and will be initiated during open mall hours to emulate a realistic situation for employees, security and police. Mall patrons and guests are to go about their shopping normally during the drill.

Walden Galleria's security team works closely with the Cheektowaga Police Department on several measures to ensure the safety and protection of all mall employees and visitors.

"In light of recent world events and several high-profile false alarms, we feel it is our responsibility to educate and practice proper safety measures to take during emergency situations," said Alex Corbelli, Walden Galleria marketing director.

In 2015, Walden Galleria Security and the Cheektowaga Police Department established a method to indicate threat levels at each individual store within the shopping center. This method is continuously used to allow police to assign degrees of urgency and respond faster.

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