

Volunteers needed for tram exercise

✖ Edinburgh Trams is seeking volunteers to help evaluate crowd management procedures at the Murrayfield Stadium tram stop next month.

Before entering full passenger service, Edinburgh Trams needs to undertake a number of realistic exercises to test operational and safety procedures.

The event on Thursday 13 March, named Exercise Salvador, will involve up to 1,000 members of the public.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: "As well as driver training and system testing, this vital pre-launch period gives us an opportunity to test out various scenarios in a controlled manner so that we are as prepared as possible before we embark on tram passenger services in May.

"This exercise on 13 March will help us to see how the system copes with crowd numbers getting on and off the trams at Murrayfield Stadium, which will obviously be invaluable preparation for future match days."

Tom Norris, Edinburgh Trams Director & General Manager, said: "All major public transport systems undergo thorough scenario testing before they go live and Edinburgh Trams has already carried out a wide range of these types of exercises.

"At Murrayfield Stadium on match or event days, we're looking to ensure we have the best possible procedures in place to manage crowd numbers on to the system."

Anyone keen to take part in the Murrayfield Stadium exercise is invited to register by sending an email with the name(s) of those interested

to Document.Control@edinburghtrams.com by Monday 10 March 2014.

Places are strictly first come, first served and volunteers will need a copy of their confirmation email to gain access to the test.

As well as the crowd management exercise itself, volunteers will also get the chance to ride on the tram.