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Emergency, Fire, Law Enforcement Agencies To Hold Full-Scale Exercise Sept. 11

FAYETTEVILLE – Local emergency response agencies will mark the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States by holding a full-scale training exercise Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon at the rail spur behind the Detention Center between Russell and Worth streets.

Cumberland County Emergency Services, the Sheriff's Office, Fayetteville Fire/Emergency Management Department, Fayetteville Police Department, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and Cape Fear Valley EMS will participate in the training exercise, which will simulate a hazardous materials accident involving a rail car.

“We understand the significance of Sept. 11 and we want to show unified diligence in training to respond to emergencies and protecting the public,” said Cumberland County Emergency Management Coordinator Gene Booth. “We are honoring those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks by training and improving our ability to respond.”

The event is sponsored by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which received a \$10,000 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The committee serves as a liaison between the industry and community by working with facilities to develop their facility emergency response plans. LEPC members include representatives from the City, County, military, industry and community at-large.

Members of the media are invited to cover the exercise and should report to the rail spur beginning at 9 a.m.

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