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Bladen, Cumberland Counties To Hold Full-Scale Exercise Aug. 29

FAYETTEVILLE – Bladen and Cumberland County Emergency Services departments will hold a full-scale training exercise Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Chemours Fayetteville Works plant at 22828 N.C. Highway 87. The Site Response Team from Chemours is participating in the exercise, which will simulate a chemical release and the appropriate emergency response.

The Chemours plant, previously known as DuPont Fayetteville Works, was chosen because it is a major industrial site located in both counties.

Other agencies participating in training event include the Cumberland County Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health; American Red Cross, Cape Fear Valley EMS, Bladen County EMS and local fire departments from both counties. Students from Campbell University will portray citizens affected by the incident.

“An emergency can affect citizens regardless of county lines and this full-scale exercise offers emergency responders from different counties the opportunity to coordinate our efforts so we can be better prepared to respond and keep the public safe,” said Cumberland County Emergency Coordinator Gene Booth.

The event is sponsored by the Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee, which received an \$8,300 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The committee serves as a liaison between the industry sector and community by working with facilities to develop their facility emergency response plans. Committee members include representatives from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, the military, local industry and the community at-large.

Members of the media are invited to cover the exercise and should report to the site entrance at 9 a.m. Please call 910-437-1921 or 910-309-6993 to notify officials you will be covering the event.

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