

Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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For Immediate Release

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Incident #: HAZMAT Exercise

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On Wednesday, May 25th between 12:00pm and 3:00pm, Chelan County Emergency Management, in conjunction with Cascade School District, City of Leavenworth, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Leavenworth Fire Department, Chelan County Fire District #6, Cascade Medical Center, Washington State Patrol and other local emergency response agencies will be conducting a functional training exercise in the City of Leavenworth. This exercise will involve a mock train derailment and the simulated release of chlorine gas. **This is a simulated training exercise only.** The public will observe emergency vehicles responding to Cascade High School and the Amtrak Station on North Road. Local roads will not be affected during the exercise.

The purpose of this exercise is to improve emergency response to this type of situation. This exercise will also test emergency action plans for "Sheltering in Place" at the school district and in the City of Leavenworth.

Preparedness is the key to keeping our local communities safe during actual emergencies. Chelan County Emergency Management strives to work with the public, local school districts, and other local emergency response agencies so that we are better prepared in the event of an actual emergency. If you have any questions or concerns about this exercise feel free to contact Chelan County Emergency Management at (509) 667-6863.

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