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Delaware County Agencies Conducting HazMat Drill Monday, June 6

DELAWARE, Ohio — A number of Delaware County agencies will conduct a hazardous-material spill exercise Monday morning, June 6 near the PPG Industries facility on Delaware city's south side. Your media outlet's assistance in spreading the word about this exercise would be appreciated, so that residents and passersby in the area do not mistake the exercise for an actual emergency.

The PPG facility is located at 760 Pittsburgh Drive in Delaware. The exercise, which is being conducted by the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (EMA), will involve first responders and representatives from a variety of agencies in Delaware County and the city of Delaware, including fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement and public information. Employees of PPG also will participate. The City of Delaware also will set up electronic traffic signs notifying the public that an emergency drill is taking place in the vicinity.

"Exercises like these are a fundamental part of our processes," said Delaware County EMA Director Sean Miller. "We have to make sure that we and our first responders are prepared and practiced in the necessary skills that will protect the public."

Part of the preparations have already included a "table-top exercise" in May when participants met and reviewed their emergency-response plans together. At that time, the participants also determined a chain of command and assigned duties.

"An important part of this is getting to know the other agencies involved," Miller said. "You never want the first time you meet your fellow responders to be at the scene of an actual emergency."

The exercise will replicate the spilling and containment of a hazardous material on PPG's property, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until approximately 12 noon. The public and members of the media will not be allowed near the site of the "spill."

For more information about Delaware County EMA, please visit their website at: <http://www.delcoema.org/>.

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