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Wake to Hold Emergency Training Exercise Sept. 6

Raleigh, NC – An emergency training exercise will be held near the New Hope Valley Railway in New Hill on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the full-scale training exercise, emergency response personnel will be tasked with treating and removing injured passengers from a train and determining the cause of the incident.

The exercise will evaluate local agency emergency responses to a train accident. Participants will learn to handle situations unique to this type of incident. The drill will be used to evaluate existing emergency procedures and to determine needs for future training and equipment.

Members of the media interested in covering the drill should meet the exercise director, Mark Haraway, Chief of Apex Fire Department, on Saturday, September 6, 2008, at 11 a.m., at Apex Fire Station No. 2, 3045 New Hill Holleman Road, New Hill. Reporters and photographers will then be escorted to the exercise scene and given an opportunity to see Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire/Rescue personnel interacting with the train cars and patients.

Agencies and organizations participating in the exercise will include the Apex Emergency Medical Services, Apex Fire Department, Apex Police Department, Fairview Fire Department, Morrisville Fire Department, New Hope Valley Railway, Wake County Emergency Management, Wake County Emergency Medical Services, and Wake County Sheriff's Office.

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