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### **Hazardous Materials Drill Will Test Emergency Response Agencies**

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The Memphis and Shelby County Local Emergency Planning Committee (M.S.C. L.E.P.C.) will conduct a hazardous materials drill next week on President's Island. The event will simulate a fire involving a tanker truck hauling hazardous materials.

**"Each component of the exercise will be monitored for strengths and weaknesses. This will help us examine the effectiveness of our training. These first responders are dedicated to training and sustaining their proficiencies. That makes all the difference when incidents occur,"** said Bob Nations, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

The drill will be held on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m., at Nexeo Solutions, Inc., 2351 Channel Drive. The area will be open to only those participating in the exercise.

**"The M.S.C.L.E.P.C. serves an important role in our community. Our group meets monthly and includes representatives from industries, emergency response agencies and area hospitals. It's vital we routinely conduct these drills to help ensure the safety of the first responders and the public,"** said Tamera Hickox, Chairman of the M.S.C.L.E.P.C.

Those participating include: Nexeo Solution, Inc., Shelby County Office of Preparedness, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Memphis and Shelby County L.E.P.C., Memphis Office of Emergency Management, Memphis Fire Department, Memphis Police Department and the United States Coast Guard.

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