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Forensic evidence training

Richland, WA— Local first response agencies, along with public health officials, will participate in a training course on forensic evidence management February 28 through March 2. Benton County Emergency Services (BCES) is sponsoring the three-day course which is funded by the Department of Homeland Services. The training will be conducted at two locations – the Regional Fire Training Center at 1811 Ely Street in Kennewick and the Richland Police Department’s shooting range located adjacent to the Horn Rapids Off-Road Vehicle Park.

The training will focus on crime scene management and the collection of forensic evidence. Forensic evidence consists of anything of a physical nature that can be used in a court of law to convict a person of a crime. There are many tools that can be used to gather evidence and most require a meticulous approach to collection so that the evidence is not compromised.

As part of the training, the Richland Bomb Squad will detonate a small explosive charge in a van after which students will be required to control and retrieve evidence from the “crime” scene.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Due to the sensitive nature of the training, the training site will only be available for reporters to view on Wednesday, March 1, during the time that the explosive charge is detonated. The scheduled time for the detonation is noon at the shooting range (See attached map).

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