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**Widespread telephone problems**

Richland – Many residents in Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties are experiencing problems with both cell and land line telephone service this evening. As a result, some individuals have been unable to reach local 9-1-1 centers. Residents who need immediate assistance from police, fire or medical first responders should first try calling 9-1-1. If those calls do not go through, they should call the non-emergency number for their area (see below).

Benton County non-emergency – (509) 628-0333

Franklin County non-emergency – (509) 545-3510

Walla Walla County (Burbank area) non-emergency – (509) 545-8441

Walla Walla County (other than Burbank) non-emergency – (509) 527-1960

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