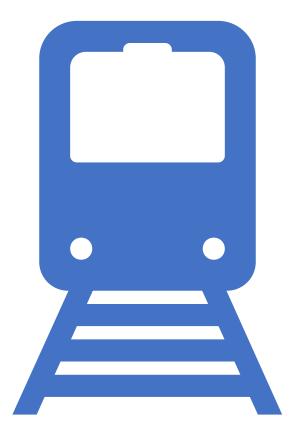
# Preparing for Train Derailment

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## That bad day







## That bad day by a playground





## That bad day by an apartment building. Or two.

## That bad day by buildings that could go boom



## That bad day by homes



Responsibilities of an Emergency Manager/Public Information Officer?

- Maintain countywide emergency operations plan
- Conduct annual threat hazard analysis
- Coordinate, attend and share information from trainings and exercises
- Community outreach on preparedness
- Provide information to the public before, during and following an incident

# Canadian Pacific Rail in Douglas County

- Rail runs across the east side of the county from north to south
- Rail runs east to west through Kensington
- Trains carry a variety of products including hazardous materials
  - Required by law
- Increase in train traffic



## Improvements to Safety

- DRUbit (patented Diluent Recovery Unit)
  - Proprietary heavy Canadian crude oil specifically designed for rail transportation
  - Makers say it creates safety and environmental benefits
  - Process removes diluent from the crude-by-rail supply chain and as a result it's considered a non-hazardous commodity
- Inspectors monitor, repair and replace track infrastructure



## In an Emergency call 911

- CP 24/7 emergency line
- •1-800-716-9132
- Need DOT ID number
- City and State



## Initial Response

- Dispatch
- Fire Department and law enforcement
  - AskRail App
  - Emergency Response Guidebook
- Conductor on board locomotive



## Additional Response

#### **Emergency Response Decisions**

- Evacuate
- Shelter in Place

Hazardous Materials Team (located in Morris)

#### CP Rail assets (located in Twin Cities)

- Trailers and foam strategically placed
  - Ability to contain transfer spilled product and clean up materials
  - Air monitoring capability

## Risks

#### Location

Time of day or night

Product being carried

Number of cars off tracks

Preparedness of people nearby

## Personal Preparedness

#### **Business Owners**

- Evacuation/Reunification Plan
- Go bag
- Contact list

#### Schools

- Evacuation/Reunification Plan
- Pre-planned emergency messaging to parents
- Go bag
- Student Roster

## Personal Preparedness

## **Apartment Residents and Managers**

- Pre-plan transportation for residents without vehicles
- Pre-plan communication on logistics if building is uninhabitable
- Account for whereabouts of residents

## Homeowners/renters

- Family communication plan
- Go bag

Ongoing Concerns and Reaction Information on environmental damage

Information on health impacts

Informing elected officials

Managing the message

Public Inquiries <u>Community Connect@cpr.ca</u> 1-800-766-7912

#### Questions/Comments

- Julie Anderson Douglas County Emergency Manager/Public Information Officer
  - List of railroad crossing ID numbers
  - Basic communication plan template
  - Business emergency plan template
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