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New Countywide Hazardous Materials Response Team

Jim Kreuser announced today that effective January 1, 2009, Kenosha County will contract with the Kenosha County Fire Chiefs & Captains Association for countywide HazMat Services. The Kenosha County Fire Chiefs & Captains Association is made up of the various Fire Departments within Kenosha County; they currently coordinate the Kenosha County Dive Team and the Kenosha County Specialty Response Team which does confine space, structural collapse, trench and high-angle rescue. "I am pleased that the Kenosha County Fire Chiefs & Captains Association has taken on this additional role; this will be a nice addition they have added to their list of capabilities and will be a great benefit to the citizens of Kenosha County," said Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser.

The Countywide HazMat Team will be funded at \$15,500 for 2009, through a line item in the Kenosha County Emergency Management's budget; the money will be used for training, equipment and wages. The Kenosha County Hazmat Team mitigates and/or contains hazardous materials' spills/releases. Once the hazardous spill/release is contained, an environmental firm removes the contaminants at the owner's expense or if the liable party is insolvent or there is no billable party, the Wisconsin DNR pays for the cost of the cleanup.