

Press Release

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Hazardous Materials Found In Richland County

Richland County Emergency Management Director Darin Gudgeon announced that a landowner contacted his office requesting assistance with the removal of hazardous materials from a home located in the Ithaca area. Gudgeon reports that no unlawful activity has occurred and qualified individuals have been called in to address the situation.

Due to the nature of the materials, a 3 mile evacuation around the scene began at 1:45pm. Citizens are being asked to stay clear of the Ithaca area until the site is rendered safe. An announcement will be made on WRCO updating citizens on the situation and informing them as to when they can return home. The Ithaca School District is implementing their evacuation procedures at this time and all children are being evacuated to Wal-Mart in Richland Center. Parents may pick up their children in the parking lot of Wal-Mart.

Richland County Emergency Management is being assisted by the Richland County Sheriff's Department, Richland Center Fire Department, Richland County EMS, the Chemistry Department of UW-Richland, Vernon County Hazmat Team, Madison Fire Hazmat Team, and the Dane County Bomb Squad.

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