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MONONGALIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOST RADIOLOGICAL/NUCLEAR TRAINING COURSES
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The Monongalia County Health Department (MCHD) will be hosting radiological/nuclear training courses, August 3-7, 2015 at the MCHD. Three training courses will be offered:

1. Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course
2. Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course
3. Population Monitoring - Community Reception Center

This is the first time that the MCHD has offered such an extensive menu of radiological/nuclear training courses to the first responder community. When asked about the health department's role in providing training, Dr. Lee Smith, Executive Director of the MCHD said: "Public Health endeavors to stay knowledgeable and ahead of known health risks. In today’s world there are many threats and hazards that could involve our communities. Staying vigilant and up to date and training for such potential dangers is our responsibility. The State Code charges Public Health to promote the physical and mental health of all of its citizens and to prevent disease, injury, and disability whenever possible. Toward that end we are constantly training, educating and exercising. These training sessions are provided free of charge by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate U.S. Department of Homeland Security and aimed at a target audience of Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Hazardous Material (HazMat), Health Care, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works".

The courses are taught using a combination of classroom instruction and scenario-driven, hands-on, performance-oriented practical exercises. Upon completion of each course participants will receive course credit from FEMA.

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