

# **AG PLUS/ALLEN CO. LEPC MOCK ANHYDROUS AMMONIA RELEASE/BOMB THREAT**

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At the end of June 2015, I received a phone call from Tim Maloney, Fort Wayne Fire Department District Chief Special Operations, asking if Ag Plus would be interested in hosting this event. After talking with Jeff Mize, we were more than happy to host this event.

This training session not only involved Ag Plus and Allen Co. LEPC, it also involved Allen Co. 911 Communications, Woodburn Police and Fire Dept., New Haven Fire Dept., FWFD Hazmat, FWPD HDU, and Allen Co. Homeland security. We held 4 meetings prior to the actual full scale exercise. The meetings were to discuss what needed to happen on a time frame. The people with the hands on during the exercise did not know what was happening until it happened. Made for a more realistic training.

The morning of the exercise (10/3/2015), all involved met at the Woodburn fire station at 8:00 am. By 9:00 am Woodburn Agronomy had received a call of a bomb at its location with a loud bang to follow. Ag Plus's Emergency Action plan went into effect, which needs a little revision, but all did what they needed to do. Ag Plus's part was small, after the initial calling of 911 and letting the first responders know what was going on, the scene was turned over to the Woodburn Fire Dept. The weather was not too favorable that day, however it worked out to be a pretty good scenario for what we were training for.

At the end of the training exercise we met back at the Woodburn fire station for a review of each agency and what worked and what needs improvements. All and all it was a great training experience and look forward to working with this group in the future.



**Ag Plus employee's at the rally point. Bill Hitchcock talking with first responders.**



**Simulated NH3 release with mock bomb attached to pipe.**



**Bob squads robot**



**Fort Wayne's Hazmat tent.**



**Bomb squad working on mock bomb**



**Bomb squad robot with bomb.**



**Decontamination area/ Fort Wayne Hazmat**

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