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Local Community Prepares To Deal With Disasters

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Two months after the Graniteville train accident and chemical spill the reality of a disaster is closer to home. In Swainsboro Saturday, crews practiced responding to a similar disaster.

"We feel that in preparing and practicing if we ever had a disaster here, we'd be prepared to deal with whatever situation," said Linda Chester of the Emanuel County Health

Department.

For the drill, a center was set up to triage patients ranging from non-severe who can go home to people who need further medical treatment.

Participating victims say this will make things run smoother.

"Because then it won't flood the hospital and they'll be able to tell you if you need to go to the hospital or not," said volunteer victim Karen Lee Quinn.

Swainsboro doctor Sanjay Serrao says the recent accident in Graniteville proves every city should be prepared.

"This kind of thing can happen in any community, in any town. And it doesn't have to happen in New York or DC where there are major destinations to take care of these things."

This was Emanuel County's first public health drill, so officials hope by advertising the drill, the community will know the service will be there.

About 200 people from Swainsboro agencies took part.

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