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### **COUNTY PLACES NEW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE VEHICLE IN-SERVICE**

(LIMA, OH) – Allen County Commissioners this afternoon officially placed the new Hazardous Materials Response Vehicle in-service during a ceremony at the Perry Township Police Department.

The vehicle was originally donated to the county from BP Lima Chemicals in December and since that time has been retrofitted with markings and equipment necessary to provide emergency response to chemical, biological, radiological, and explosive hazards.

“This is a great asset to serve the more than 80 highly trained members of the county’s hazardous materials team,” explained county homeland security director Russ Decker. “It elevates our response capabilities here in Allen County so that we can better serve our citizens and industry.”

County Commissioners also took the occasion to acknowledge and thank the Perry Township Trustees and their police department for agreeing to donate the use of their garage facilities to serve as a home base for the vehicle.

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