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PAIR RETURN FROM NUCLEAR TRAINING IN NEVADA

(LIMA, OH) – Allen County Emergency Management Agency director Russ Decker and deputy director John Walters returned today from week long “Advanced Nuclear/Radioactive Emergency Response” training at the national Nuclear Test Site in Mercury, Nevada.

The training conducted by the U. S. Department of Justice focused on training and exercises using “live” radioactive sources. Decker and Walters were taught methods of responding to radioactive emergencies, as well as, techniques for security sweeps of individuals, vehicles and buildings for the presence of radioactive materials.

During their training, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) director Joe Albaugh observed a half-day exercise where the Lima pair responded to a mock truck accident involving a radioactive cargo.

Four to six additional responders from Allen County are expected to attend similar training later this year at the Nevada site. All costs of the training and the purchase of specialized equipment to be assigned to Allen County is underwritten by the U. S. Department of Justice as part of the national counter-terrorism support operation.