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Press Release

Incident: Assist other Agency
Alaska Shield Northern Edge Training Exercise

Location: Charles St and Illinois

Case Number: 07-9011

Date: May 8, 2007

At approximately 1806 hours, The Fairbanks Police Department was dispatched with Fairbanks Fire and EMS personnel to a train derailment and rolled tanker on Charles Street, just west of Illinois Street as part of the Alaska Shield Northern Edge Exercise sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.

Upon arrival it was learned that the incident was a motor vehicle accident involving a semi-tractor pulling a tanker of diesel fuel and an Alaska Railroad passenger train. The tanker was eastbound on Charles St when it struck the train, spilling approximately 18,000 gallons of diesel fuel. An estimated 188 persons were injured in the accident and those needing further medical treatment were transported to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Additional agencies that responded and assisted during the exercise were Alaska State Troopers, City of Fairbanks Public Works Department, Special Agents of the Alaska Railroad, Fairbanks North Star Borough Hazardous Materials Team, Fairbanks North Star Borough Transportation, Salcha Rescue and the following area Fire Departments: University of Alaska Fairbanks, North Pole, Steese, Chena Goldstream, Ester and Eielson Air Force Base.

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