



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD - **Public Hearing**

Conrail Derailment in Paulsboro, NJ with Vinyl Chloride Release

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PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY

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Law Enforcement Ops  
Paulsboro, New Jersey

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3 0700 - 0710

4 (Dialing.)

5 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Hurry up.

6 DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON: I know.

7 (Phone ringing.)

8 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Look at it.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 911. Where is the emergency?

10 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON) Hurry up. The train derailed  
11 at the train bridge in Paulsboro.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

13 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): It fell in the water. Hurry  
14 up. Smoke's everywhere.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Is anyone injured?

16 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Not that I'm aware of.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Hold on while I transfer  
18 you to the police.

19 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Hurry up, please.

20 (Dial Tone; dialing.)

21 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): I watched it.

22 DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON: Did you call 911?

23 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): I'm on the phone.

24 POLICE DISPATCHER: Good morning. Police --

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, 911 transfer. **\*\* P I I \*\***

1       \*\*PII\*\* reporting there's a train derailed.

2               CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah, I got it.  
3 I'm the assistant fire chief.

4               POLICE DISPATCHER: Yes?

5               CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah. Hello?

6               POLICE DISPATCHER: Yeah, what's wrong?

7               CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah, there's a  
8 train, it's spewing out all kind of gas. It derailed into the  
9 Mantua Creek.

10              POLICE DISPATCHER: Okay. It --

11              CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): The bridge  
12 collapsed.

13              POLICE DISPATCHER: Okay. Where's that? Mantua --  
14 where at?

15              CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah, Mantua  
16 Creek and -- 230 East Jefferson Street.

17              POLICE DISPATCHER: 230 East Jefferson. Is everybody  
18 okay?

19              CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): The engine's not  
20 in, but the train is over. We have a tank car leaking something  
21 that's into the water.

22              POLICE DISPATCHER: Okay. And you're in Paulsboro,  
23 right?

24              CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): In Paulsboro.

25              POLICE DISPATCHER: All right.

1           CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): You can put me  
2 on location.

3           POLICE DISPATCHER: And you're the fire chief, correct?

4           CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): I'm the  
5 assistant fire chief, 1702.

6           POLICE DISPATCHER: 1702, okay.

7           CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Copy. Bye.

8           POLICE DISPATCHER: All right.

9           Alarm room, you still on the phone? Hello?

10          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You there? We got it.

11          POLICE DISPATCHER: All right.

12          CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Got it?

13          POLICE DISPATCHER: You're sending it over?

14          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yep. Yep.

15          POLICE DISPATCHER: Thanks.

16          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: See you.

17                                 \* \* \*

18          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, District 2 cars, you  
19 have a train derailed, 44 Mantua Creek. The front part of the car  
20 is still on the track, the rest of the train is in the river.

21          218: County, 2-18, copy.

22          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: District 2 cars, I'm getting an  
23 address of 230 East Jefferson.

24          218: Copy, County.

25          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: District 2, who's on duty?

1           218: County, 2-18, 2-10 and 2-0-6.

2           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County copies all three units.

3           218: County, 2-18, I'm going to be out.

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy, 2-18.

5                           \* \* \*

6           206: Sarge, Car 2-0-6, on the scene. You need to  
7 respond out here. It's a major emergency, bridge collapsed and  
8 major hazards, potentially are life threatening.

9                           \* \* \*

10          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-18.

11          218: 2-18. They have an odor out here. They are not  
12 familiar what this odor is, but hazards -- hazardous release.

13          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

14          2-18, how close is it to the schools?

15          218: All right, the train is on the east side of North  
16 Commerce Street. The engine is halfway across Commerce, so I  
17 would say approximately about a half a mile to three-quarters of a  
18 mile from the school.

19          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Do you want the schools  
20 notified?

21          218: Yeah, the Sarge is on his way out here, and  
22 we'll, we'll be in touch.

23          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, 2- -- copy, 2-18.  
24 Can you get any DOT placards or anything off any of the tanks?

25          218: Yeah, I'm speaking to them now. I'll get what I

1 can from them.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy, sir.

3 \* \* \*

4 206: Car 2-0-6 is on location.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy, 2-0-6.

6 \* \* \*

7 811: 8-11 to 2-19.

8 218: 2-18, 8-11.

9 811: I've got a gentleman who used to work at propane  
10 plant. He just came over the bridge, fellow was stopping in the  
11 town just stopped me on my car stop, told me he believes that  
12 smell is propane. He believes he sees the fog or something, that  
13 he believes it's running in the water under the bridge, just for  
14 your information.

15 218: Copy.

16 \* \* \*

17 (Phone ringing.)

18 COMMUNICATIONS (TAYLOR): Communications, Taylor.

19 SPEAKER: I don't know if you copied that, that's a  
20 propane tanker that's overturned and leaking.

21 COMMUNICATIONS (TAYLOR): Propane from the police?

22 SPEAKER: Yep.

23 COMMUNICATIONS (TAYLOR): All right. How many?

24 SPEAKER: One so far. We're -- they're trying to do  
25 whatever they can.



1 COMMUNICATIONS (TAYLOR): Okay.

2 SPEAKER: All right.

3 COMMUNICATIONS (TAYLOR): All right.

4 \* \* \*

5 1730: County, 17-30.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 17-30.

7 1730: Yeah, I can confirm that. I'm out on the bridge  
8 on Broad Street. There's a heavy cloud over top of this water.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy.

10 \* \* \*

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) can you block  
12 off Broad and Commerce for us, don't let anybody down this way.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Car 2, copy. (Indiscernible).

14 \* \* \*

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, District 17, is your  
16 whole department assisting with District 2?

17 1705: 17-5, negative. What do you have?

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, Sarge, anybody that's  
19 not going to be working on this band, could you move over to  
20 Channel 25, Zone 2, please?

21 1705: 17-5, received.

22 \* \* \*

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, District 8, if you're  
24 not going to be assisting District 2, can you move over to Channel  
25 25, please, Zone 2?

1 DISTRICT 8: (Indiscernible)-8, copy.

2 \* \* \*

3 217: 2-17. The assistant mayor and (indiscernible) at  
4 Commerce.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

6 \* \* \*

7 206: County, 2-0-6.

8 1505: 15-0-5.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6.

10 \* \* \*

11 POLICE SERGEANT: Hey, guys, any available units that  
12 can respond to help us evacuate a few, a few of these homes in the  
13 area. There's a lot of thick smoke coming from the creek area  
14 going towards Delaware, going towards east of town.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, Sarge, you need any  
16 available units to assist?

17 POLICE SERGEANT: Yeah, for the evacuation for these  
18 homes. They're concerned about one of the cars -- that one of the  
19 trains that may derailed in the area, car 8 may be something to be  
20 worried about.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

22 \* \* \*

23 218: County, 2-18.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-18.

25 218: County, 2-18, a placard -- if you go in the

1 (indiscernible) I think it's going to be 1987, the placard 1-0-8-  
2 6.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Units monitor your  
4 radios, two at once. 2-18 repeat the placards please.

5 County, 2-18, repeat your last transmission. You were  
6 stepped on.

7 218: County, 2-18. The identifiers on the main  
8 company code are placards 1987, which is ethanol alcohol, and  
9 1086, which is vinyl chloride.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

11 \* \* \*

12 210: 2-10 to (indiscernible) will you respond to  
13 (indiscernible)

14 \* \* \*

15 405: 4-0-5 to 2-0-6. I got a gentleman coming up to  
16 you. He's got some information about some tanks, very hazardous  
17 material.

18 206: 6, copy, (indiscernible).

19 \* \* \*

20 205: County from 2-0-5. We need police and fire from  
21 other districts. We're also going to need some assistance with  
22 police, if you can get them going out here.

23 County, also we can contact the schools and advise to  
24 close the schools down for a day.

25 206: County, copy that with the schools, and close the

1 schools, Guardian Angels, we'll call them first.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6, you said Guardian Angels  
3 and where else?

4 206: Paulsboro High School, Billingsport School,  
5 Loudenslager School, make contact.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

7 \* \* \*

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (indiscernible) you also contact  
9 our captain, advise him of this ASAP. I'm going to try to make  
10 contact with Guardian Angels here.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

12 \* \* \*

13 210: 2-10 to assisting patrols, we need  
14 (indiscernible) to block from Commerce to Delaware, I can use you  
15 guys to start doing that.

16 \* \* \*

17 218. County, 2-18.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-18.

19 218: The smoke that's all around us is liquefied  
20 petroleum, also known as propane. We have the engine still going  
21 which is also a, possibly a source of ignition.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy. Where's the  
23 staging area?

24 206: County, 2-0-6. The staging area can be Paulsboro  
25 Fire Hall.

1                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, the fire hall. What  
2 street is that on, sir?

3                   206: That's Thomson Avenue and Swedesboro Avenue.

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5   **0710 - 0720**

6                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, District 8, District 17,  
7 2-0-6 is requesting any available units that can assist in  
8 District 2 to evacuate residents.

9                   17-5: This is 17-5. I've got 30 and 37 down here  
10 helping out.

11                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy, 17-5.

12   \* \* \*

13                   2519: 25-19 (indiscernible) assist Paulsboro?

14                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's negative, Joe.

15                   2519: Okay.

16   \* \* \*

17                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 14-38.

18                   1438: 38.

19                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Do we have anybody available to  
20 assist with Paulsboro? They had a train derailment. They're  
21 starting evacuations. They can use the assistance. Anybody  
22 available to assist Paulsboro with a train derailment. They do  
23 have fumes that have escaped. Starting to evacuate.

24                   1438: I'll check.

25   \* \* \*

1 (Dial tone; dialing; phone ringing.)

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 9-28 from County.

3 928: Did you call me on the phone or radio?

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: On the phone. You weren't  
5 answering.

6 928: No, I was. I'm the person you called.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Mutual aid for Paulsboro, if  
8 anybody can spare anybody. They have three overturned railcars  
9 and it's spilling some kind of a chemical into something.

10 928: Oh, you're kidding me. All right.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Up the black bridge or  
12 something, up by 40 and -- where's that at? Crown Point Road and  
13 Mantua Grove Road.

14 928: All right. All right, I'll send somebody.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

16 928: All right. See you.

17 (End of call.)

18 \* \* \*

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 5-1-8-2 from County.

20 5182: Go ahead.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Paulsboro is requesting mutual  
22 aid, any available unit. They have a train derailment, hazardous  
23 material spills. They're going to need to start evacuating houses  
24 and need help if you have anybody available.

25 \* \* \*

1           239: (indiscernible), 2-3-9.

2           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 23 units and (indiscernible) is  
3 asking anybody available.

4           239: Negative, not at this time.

5           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Received.

6                           \* \* \*

7           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All available cars that are --  
8 Police Communication.

9           KENNEDY: Hey, it's Kennedy.

10          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hello, Dear. Paulsboro is  
11 asking for mutual aid. They have three rail cars that are  
12 overturned that are leaking fluid -- I believe that they said that  
13 one was hydraulic acid or something like that -- and they're doing  
14 major evacuations. I don't see anybody extra that we have.

15          KENNEDY: No, I got -- well, I got six.

16          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah.

17          KENNEDY: We'll send them one, if we have to recall  
18 them. Where are they meeting at?

19          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hold on.

20                   (To co-worker) Where do they want them?

21           I know it's right at the black bridge where -- let me  
22 find out for you.

23          KENNEDY: Okay. I'll send -- we'll send 1-5-1.

24          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: That's a good choice. I  
25 couldn't have chose better myself.





1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Good morning.

2           MARSH: Good morning.

3           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: How are you?

4           MARSH: Good.

5           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Good. I don't know if you  
6 heard. There's three overturned railcars in Paulsboro.

7           MARSH: Okay.

8           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Not that you guys probably have  
9 enough people, but they're looking for some mutual aid. They're  
10 doing some evacuations.

11          MARSH: We only have three full-timers working right  
12 now, so --

13          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah. Well, I had to ask, so --

14          MARSH: Okay.

15          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I figured you wouldn't be able  
16 to, but --

17          MARSH: Okay.

18          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

19          MARSH: Thanks, man.

20          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No problem.

21          (End of call.)

22   \* \* \*

23          5239: County from 5-2-3-9. Where do they want me to  
24 go?

25          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They're trying to establish a

1 staging area now. Just give us a second.

2 \* \* \*

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

4 MALE SPEAKER: Good morning.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey. Paulsboro has a train  
6 derailment --

7 MALE SPEAKER: Oh.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- with three overturned  
9 tankers. They're leaking fluid. They're asking all agencies, if  
10 anybody has a body or two, to send them to help them with  
11 evacuations.

12 MALE SPEAKER: Evacuations. Okay. Let me see what we  
13 have available.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

15 MALE SPEAKER: And do I need to notify you?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, just let me know, and then  
17 I'll tell you where they're staging.

18 MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

20 MALE SPEAKER: Thanks.

21 (End of call.)

22 \* \* \*

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Attention all cars and stations  
24 on Zone 6, is anybody available for mutual aid for District 2,  
25 Paulsboro? They have a train derailment. They're requesting

1 assistance if possible.

2 1530: 15-30, copy that.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 15-30, you're going to report to  
4 the Paulsboro Fire Company.

5 1530: Copy that.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 15-30, it's going to be Thomson  
7 Avenue and Swedesboro Road.

8 1530: Copy.

9 \* \* \*

10 (Dial tone; dialing; phone ringing.)

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To co-worker) Where is it?  
12 Commerce and where?

13 RECORDING: You've reached the West Deptford  
14 Township --

15 (Keypad tones.)

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Commerce and Jefferson?

17 RECORDING: Please wait.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: At the fire company?

19 I'm calling West Deptford.

20 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): West Deptford.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Hey, Mike, it's Denise.

22 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Hi, Denise.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Hi. Do you have any  
24 extra guys that can go assist Paulsboro? They had a train  
25 derailment.

1 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Yeah, we could probably send --  
2 yeah, send DeGarra (ph.) down there.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Send DeGarra, okay.  
4 (To co-worker) Where are they meeting at?  
5 (To Mike) Paulsboro Firehouse, Thomson and Swedesboro.

6 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Okay.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Okay?

8 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Yep.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Do you want me to tell  
10 him or --

11 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): I'll get him.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Okay.

13 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Thomson and Swedesboro?

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Yeah, at Paulsboro  
15 Firehouse.

16 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Okay.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): All righty. Thanks,  
18 Mike.

19 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): All right, Denise.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Bye.

21 (End of call.)

22 \* \* \*

23 134: 1-34 to 1-82.

24 182: Go ahead.

25 134: Hey, Todd, if you want, you can call in a couple

1 of guys and send two or three over there. Also, if you want to  
2 get ahold of (indiscernible) if he's available.

3 182: (Indiscernible).

4 \* \* \*

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Communications.

6 MALE SPEAKER: Hey, have they called out like ERT and  
7 stuff for traffic or what?

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I'm sure they're going to. I  
9 know they've got hazmat going.

10 MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And staging is going to be at  
12 the Paulsboro Fire Hall.

13 MALE SPEAKER: Which one? There's like three of them.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Oh.

15 MALE SPEAKER: Billingsport, Paulsboro.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Let me check.

17 5 Broad, by Swedesboro Avenue, right on Swedesboro  
18 Avenue.

19 MALE SPEAKER: All right.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

21 MALE SPEAKER: All right. Thanks.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Bye.

23 MALE SPEAKER: See you.

24 \* \* \*

25 1730: 2 cars, do you want Broad blocked as well at the

1 bridge?

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: 17-30, that's affirm. Someone's  
3 (indiscernible) Paradise Road there, block that off.

4 \* \* \*

5 817: 8-17 to 2 cars. Where do you want me?

6 \* \* \*

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: (indiscernible) calling.

8 \* \* \*

9 205: 2-0-5, be advised, made contact with Guardian  
10 Angels, they're making their request to make arrangements to have  
11 the school closed down.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy.

13 \* \* \*

14 202: 2-0-6, 2-0-2. They're going to get the engines  
15 out of here.

16 206: Copy that.

17 \* \* \*

18 817: County from 8-17, I'll be out in District 2.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy.

20 \* \* \*

21 (Dial tone; dialing; phone ringing.)

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: He's not answering his cell.

23 MRS. MARINO: Hello.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I was trying to reach Captain  
25 Marino.

1 MRS. MARINO: He is out running right now. Can I take  
2 a message for him?

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sure. Hold on.

4 (To co-worker) Guardian Angel -- they've been notified.  
5 Okay, copy.

6 (To Mrs. Marino) Hi, I'm sorry to bother you.

7 MRS. MARINO: That's okay.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Paulsboro Police Dispatch. We  
9 have a major incident, the bridge collapsed, Mantua Creek bridge.  
10 They're closing down all the elementary schools, the high school.  
11 They have a major derailment into the creek, unknown on fluids  
12 into the water. They believe it may be liquid potassium -- or  
13 petroleum, liquid petroleum, yeah.

14 MRS. MARINO: Petroleum, um-hum. This is the Mantua  
15 Creek bridge, right?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, the one that just started,  
17 it collapsed.

18 MRS. MARINO: Okay. I'll --

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They're calling for mutual aid  
20 and all.

21 MRS. MARINO: Okay. I'll actually go try to find him.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thank you kindly.

23 MRS. MARINO: Thank you.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Bye-bye.

25 MRS. MARINO: All right. Bye-bye.

1 (End of call.)

2 \* \* \*

3 3029: County, 30-29, I'm arriving.

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Received.

5 \* \* \*

6 465: 4-2-9, 4-6-5.

7 429: Copy.

8 465: Paulsboro's train derailment, they need  
9 assistance. Can you meet at the Paulsboro Fire Department,  
10 Thomson and Swedesboro Avenue?

11 429: Received.

12 \* \* \*

13 240: County, 240's off to assist Paulsboro.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy. Staging area is going to  
15 be Paulsboro Firehouse on Thomson Street. Thomson and Swedesboro  
16 is the cross-streets.

17 \* \* \*

18 MALE SPEAKER: County, (indiscernible). We'll be  
19 outside (indiscernible) Richwood.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

21 \* \* \*

22 1519: 15-23, 15-19.

23 1523: Go ahead.

24 1519: (indiscernible) what's going on (indiscernible).

25 1523: Yeah, I'm tied up on something right now. 48,



1 can you take that?

2 48: Absolutely.

3 \* \* \*

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

5 174: Hey, it's 1-7-4.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, how you doing?

7 174: Good. What do they got over in Paulsboro?

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They got a train derailment with  
9 a lot of hazmat spill. They have bad stuff, liquid petroleum and  
10 they're still trying to identify some of the placards. So just  
11 tell them guys to use caution going in there. They don't even  
12 know what they have spilled yet, but they're going to need all  
13 houses and schools evacuated and all kinds of stuff, so --

14 174: Okay.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: But Paulsboro Firehouse is the  
16 staging area, Thomson and Swedesboro Roads.

17 174: Okay.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I'm not quite sure where that  
19 is, but I guess you guys can GPS it.

20 174: Okay.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay?

22 174: Thank you.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

24 \* \* \*

25 (Dial tone; dialing; phone ringing.)

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. I'm calling them now.

2           RECORDING: You've reached the Paulsboro School  
3 District. If you know your party's three-digit extension, you may  
4 dial it at any time during this message, or for the high school  
5 press 1 (beep).

6           If you know your party's three-digit extension number,  
7 or the teacher's three-digit mailbox number, press star followed  
8 by their mailbox number to leave a message, or for the attendance  
9 office press 1, for the nurse press 2 (beep).

10           Invalid option.

11           If you know your party's three-digit extension number  
12 or the teacher's three-digit mailbox number, press star followed  
13 by their mailbox number to leave a message, or for the attendance  
14 office press 1, for the nurse press 2, for directions to PHS press  
15 3, for guidance press 4, for the high school administration press  
16 5, for athletics press 6, for the administration building press 7,  
17 or for support staff press 8. (Beep.)

18           Please wait while I try that extension.

19           (PHONE RINGING.)

20           PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Paulsboro High School.

21           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, it's Paulsboro PD. How are  
22 you?

23           PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Good.

24           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Listen, we need you guys to  
25 lockdown the school. We had a train derailment.

1 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Okay. So are we closing school  
2 or --

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Right now we're locking down  
4 until further notice.

5 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Okay. So what does that mean?  
6 Like the people that are in here stay --

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

8 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: -- and we can't let nobody in?

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Correct.

10 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Okay.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Just for right now.

12 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Okay. Thank you.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And then we will advise you when  
14 we're able to open or evacuate or whatever we're going to do.

15 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Okay, great.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

17 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Thank you very much.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're welcome.

19 PAULSBORO HIGH SCHOOL: Bye.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Bye-bye.

21 (End of call.)

22 \* \* \*

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Gloucester County, 14-38.

24 1438: Go ahead.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, if you do have anybody

1 available, staging area is going to be Paulsboro High -- Paulsboro  
2 Firehouse on Swedesboro Road. At this point in time, the high  
3 school, Billingsport and Loudenslager have been shut down. Your  
4 staging area, if anybody is available, is going to be Paulsboro  
5 Firehouse on Swedesboro Road.

6 1438: Yeah, I'm on the phone with the captain now.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I appreciate it. Thank you.

8 \* \* \*

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-0-6, do you want the  
10 refinery notified?

11 206: Copy that. I believe the county told me they did  
12 it (indiscernible) notification.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy that. Also be  
14 advised I notified 202's wife. She's going to try to get ahold of  
15 him.

16 206: Copy that. I appreciate it. Were you able to  
17 get in touch with the chief?

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I was notified to notify the  
19 captain. I will do the chief now.

20 \* \* \*

21 (Dialing; phone ringing.)

22 SECURITY: Security.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, Security, it's Gloucester  
24 County. How are you?

25 SECURITY: Good. How are you?

1                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Are you guys aware  
2 of this trail derailment?

3                   SECURITY: Yeah. We don't have -- I don't have a lot  
4 of information, but --

5                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. We have three cars  
6 confirmed rolled over with a leak of LPG.

7                   SECURITY: Okay.

8                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: We want to make you aware, we do  
9 have a vapor cloud. We're just not sure what direction it's  
10 going.

11                  SECURITY: All right.

12                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: So we want to make you aware of  
13 what's going on.

14                  SECURITY: Okay.

15                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: If you can let the night super  
16 know or whoever their chief is, their on-call fire chief, make  
17 them aware of all that.

18                  SECURITY: I'll call right now. And this is Gloucester  
19 County, right?

20                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah. If you have any  
21 questions, call me back at PII --

22                  SECURITY: Right.

23                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- PII.

24                  SECURITY: Okay.

25                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thanks. Bye.

1 (End of call.)

2 \* \* \*

3 1530: County, 15-30, what zone they on?

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 15-30, they are operating  
5 channel 27, Zone 3.

6 1530: Copy.

7 \* \* \*

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 48, you copy that as well?

9 48: That's affirmative. I'm on there already.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy that.

11 \* \* \*

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: District 15, Mantua cars, just  
13 be advised, state police, and we've got some apparatus going down  
14 on the 55, it looks like at mile marker 56 northbound for a crash.

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16 \* \* \*

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

18 240: 2-40, how would I get there? If I go down --

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Ha-ha-ha.

20 240: -- if I go down King's Highway?

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I have no idea.

22 240: Straight to Paulsboro. Okay. It's on Thomson  
23 and Swedesboro, if I just Google it?

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, that's -- I don't even  
25 have -- let me -- hang on. Let me pull up the mapping here, see

1 if I can find it for you. Let me see here. Just give me a  
2 second. I'm pulling up the map now. I'll be at a little bit  
3 here.

4 240: I just tried. My internet in my car's not  
5 working so --

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, there's Swedesboro. Okay,  
7 your best bet -- I don't know exactly where the derailment is.  
8 Are you going to come in from 295?

9 240: No, I was going to take King's Highway all the  
10 way down into -- across the bridge.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: King's Highway. All right.  
12 Yeah, if you come in from the truck stop then -- you know where  
13 that is, right? You're going to come in, make the right on, what  
14 is that, Berkeley, running out to the truck stop?

15 240: Yeah.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Go over 295, which is Delaware  
17 Avenue.

18 240: Okay.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And then you're going to come up  
20 to Swedesboro. Delaware and Swedesboro intersect. It looks like  
21 if you make a left on Swedesboro, Thomson's right there.  
22 Swedesboro and Thomson is where the firehouse is.

23 240: Perfect. Thank you.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay?

25 240: Yep.

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

2 (End of call.)

3 \* \* \*

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communication.

5 FEMALE CALLER: Hi, is there something going on with  
6 the train?

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, there's a train  
8 derailment, ma'am.

9 FEMALE CALLER: There is a train derailment?

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

11 FEMALE CALLER: Are people being evacuated or is  
12 that --

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah. Where do you live, ma'am?

14 FEMALE CALLER: Oh, I live right across from  
15 Billingsport School.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. How -- I mean, how close  
17 is that? Do you have any idea?

18 FEMALE CALLER: Oh, I don't know, like -- I was --  
19 well, I'm getting ready to go to work.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Well, they will be, they will be  
21 -- they're closing down the schools. They're evacuating the area.

22 FEMALE CALLER: Oh, they are --

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

24 FEMALE CALLER: -- closing down the schools?

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes, ma'am.



1 FEMALE CALLER: So -- all right, I got to figure out  
2 what I'm going to do with my son.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

4 FEMALE CALLER: All right. Thank you.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

6 FEMALE CALLER: All right. Bye.

7 (End of call.)

8 \* \* \*

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY): Communications.

10 TURNER: Sandy?

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY): Yes.

12 TURNER: Turner.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY): Hi.

14 TURNER: Where the heck am I going now?

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY): Let me get the address.

16 It's 1522 Swedesboro Avenue in Paulsboro. That's the station.

17 TURNER: What's the best way to get to there?

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY): (To co-worker) Anybody  
19 can help **\*\* PII \*\*** how to get there? Could you?

20 (To Turner) Hang on. Christine used to live up in  
21 **\*\* PII \*\***, so she may.

22 TURNER: All right.

23 (Pause.)

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY): (To co-worker) Okay.

25 TURNER: Hello?

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):   (To Turner) She's  
2   checking.  I know Washington Township's sending somebody.

3           TURNER:  I don't even know where the hell I'm going,  
4   that's why I'm asking.  It's like going to Florida to me.

5           (Pause; unrelated communications call.)

6           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  (To Christine) All  
7   right.  Is (indiscernible)?

8           (To co-worker) It's 1522 Swedesboro Avenue.  Yeah.  
9   Swedesboro Avenue.  Christine's getting the exact --

10          TURNER:  It takes this long to get me directions?

11          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  Well, he's not even at  
12   his desk.  He's running around the room.

13          TURNER:  I'm at down -- like 5, at the -- east entrance  
14   of Paulsboro where the truck stop area is.

15          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  Okay.

16          TURNER:  And then from there, I don't know.

17          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  Right.

18          Do you know where Harmony Road is?

19          (To co-worker) Is that by the truck stop?  Because  
20   Chris is at the truck stop and go from there.

21          TURNER:  What did you say?

22          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  (To co-worker) Okay.  
23   She said if you go past the truck stop on Berkeley  
24   Road --

25          TURNER:  Okay.

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  -- you'll come up to  
2 Broad Street, make a right onto Broad.

3           TURNER:  All right.

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  And you'll come -- go  
5 down -- make a right onto Broad Street and you'll come up to  
6 Swedesboro Avenue, and it's right off Swedesboro Avenue.

7           TURNER:  All right.  So right onto Broad off Berkeley  
8 and then I'll hit Swedesboro.  All right.

9           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  Okay.

10          TURNER:  Okay.

11          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  If you get lost -- call  
12 back if you have any problems.

13          TURNER:  All right.

14          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (SANDY):  Bye.

15   \* \* \*

16          202:  2-0-5, 2-0-2.

17          POLICE SERGEANT:  2-0-2, do we have somebody -- excuse  
18 me, 2-10.  Do we have somebody on the other side of Mantua Avenue  
19 going towards the river, clearing homes?

20          210:  I don't believe so, not yet, Sarge.  I'll get  
21 somebody.

22   What about Ace Pallet; should we have them evacuated?

23          205:  Yeah, that sounds great.  Yeah, they  
24 (indiscernible) going straight up.  Make contact with them.  Try  
25 and get (indiscernible).

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206: County, 2-0-6. That location is (indiscernible)

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East Broad.

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EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6, repeat your last

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transmission please.

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206: Mike, if you talk to Ace Pallets there, if you

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get a second, advise them to evacuate their property. They're --

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should be up and running, located on East Broad Street.

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10 (0720 - 0730)

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[00:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

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151: Yeah, this is 1-5-1.

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EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What's up?

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151: What's going on? Do you have the address to this

15

firehouse I'm -- should be going to in Paulsboro?

16

EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hang on one second. Christine's

17

got it. She's trying to give directions.

18

151: All right.

19

EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (Indiscernible).

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(To co-worker) Hey, Chris -- did you write down the

21

address by any chance? No?

22

(To 151) I'm going to switch you over to where she is.

23

Hang on a second.

24

151: All right. Sounds good.

25

(Dial tone; dialing.)

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, Chris? One of our guy's --

2 (To 151) As I was starting to, she walked away. When

3 she goes back to her desk --

4 (To co-worker) Yeah, what's the address? Tom, you got

5 the address? 1522 Pittman Avenue? Swedesboro.

6 (To 151) 15- -- they're giving me 1522 Swedesboro

7 Avenue.

8 151: Okay.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I have no idea how to get there.

10 151: In Paulsboro, though?

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, they're saying it's the

12 intersection of Thomson and Swedesboro, over the fire hall.

13 151: All right. 1522 -- I got, I got a GPS.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Oh, okay.

15 151: So I'll see if I can -- Swedesboro Avenue, you

16 said?

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

18 151: All right. I got it in my GPS.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

20 151: Oh, is -- from what you know, (indiscernible)

21 told me that mutual aid and everything like that. Are we sending

22 -- did we send any ambulances over there or no?

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Oh, yeah, they're all out there.

24 They're --

25 151: There are?

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What they need our help for is  
2    evacuations --

3           151: Okay.

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- the surrounding houses.

5           151: You got it. Tell them I'm en route.

6           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Don't inhale deeply.

7           151: Yeah, I guess it would probably be a good time to  
8    find my gas mask.

9           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, right. All right.

10          151: All right. I'm en route over there.

11          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: See you.

12   [01:45] 151: Later.

13   \* \* \*

14   [01:45] 1330: County, 17-30. I'm standing by over to Ace  
15   Pallet. I can -- I'll go here now and take care of that.

16          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

17   \* \* \*

18          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sarge, I'm getting questions on  
19   how are the officers going to reach Swedesboro Ave in your town.

20          206: Yeah, 2-0-6. South Delaware Street to New, make  
21   a left on New Street.

22          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy.

23          MALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible), County, 2-0-6. I'm in  
24   the district now. Where do you need me?

25   \* \* \*

1 POLICE SERGEANT: 2-10, do you have somebody in the  
2 area of Delaware and (indiscernible).

3 210: Negative, not yet, Sarge. There's -- we got two  
4 people -- or, I'm sorry, one person on the east side evacuating,  
5 and then I just sent 8-13 over to Mantua Ave to start evacuating.

6 POLICE SERGEANT: Copy that.

7 \* \* \*

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sarge, what's your 24 right now?

9 POLICE SERGEANT: Mantua and 7th Street, by -- behind  
10 the church.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Just hold up there a second. I  
12 want to try -- real quick.

13 \* \* \*

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-0-6.

15 206: 2-0-6, County.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 206, I tried to notify 2-0-1 at  
17 his residence and cell, no answer.

18 \* \* \*

19 218: County, 2-18.

20 MALE SPEAKER: Copy that County.

21 MALE SPEAKER: (indiscernible) fire department is  
22 responding with whatever we got.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: That's (indiscernible), sir.

24 218: 2-18, Melvin Street now coming your way.

25 MALE SPEAKER: County, 2-18, notify the Coast Guard.

1 [03:54] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

2 \* \* \*

3 [03:55] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

4 MIKE: Hey, it's **\*\*PII\*\*** (ph.).

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey.

6 MIKE: 7-1-0-8 is going to respond to Paulsboro to help

7 out.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

9 MIKE: Do you have a staging area?

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I do. The Paulsboro Fire

11 Station. The address is 1522 Swedesboro Avenue.

12 MIKE: Let me write that down. 1522 Swedesboro Avenue.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, apparently it runs right

14 off of Broad, the main street in town.

15 MIKE: Off of Broad?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah.

17 MIKE: At the Paulsboro Fire Station?

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

19 MIKE: Okay.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

21 MIKE: All right. Thanks.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thanks.

23 \* \* \*

24 (Dial tone; phone ringing.)

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To co-worker) For who? Yeah.



1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Communications.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, is the fire department  
3 responding?

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yep.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Great. Thank you.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. See ya.

7 \* \* \*

8 218: County, 2-18. If you haven't already,  
9 (indiscernible).

10 [04:52] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

11 \* \* \*

12 [05:33] STATE POLICE: State Police, Marine, (indiscernible)  
13 Myers.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, this is Paulsboro Police  
15 Dispatch. I just need to notify you guys -- we notified the Coast  
16 Guard and all -- we've got a train derailment in Paulsboro on East  
17 Jefferson Street and there -- it's hazardous materials going into  
18 the waterway.

19 STATE POLICE: Do you know what kind of material?

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: We have two placards so far,  
21 1086 and 1987.

22 STATE POLICE: -86, 1987. In what waterway?

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To Dispatcher 2) What's that,  
24 what's that waterway there?

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 2: Huh?

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  What's that waterway there?  The  
2 Delaware River?

3           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 2:  Mantua Creek.

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  (To State Police) Mantua Creek.

5

6           STATE POLICE:  I'm sorry?

7           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  Mantua Creek.

8           STATE POLICE:  Mantua Creek?

9           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  Yeah.

10          STATE POLICE:  Do you know how much by chance?

11          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  No, I don't.  They're still  
12 trying to figure that out.

13          STATE POLICE:  Is it a heavy spill or is it like a --

14          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  A pretty good -- yeah, it's a  
15 good spill.

16          STATE POLICE:  Okay.  Your operator number, sir?

17          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  \*\*PII\*\*.

18          STATE POLICE:  And you say you're Paulsboro?

19          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  Yes.  Your name?

20          STATE POLICE:  Myers.  Myers \*\*PII\*\* -- yeah, \*\*PII\*\*.

21          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  \*\*PII\*\*?

22          STATE POLICE:  Yeah.

23          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER:  Okay.  If you need anything else  
24 from us -- I'll give it Burlington and see if they want to go out,  
25 but if you need anything else from us, just give us a call.

1 STATE POLICE: All right.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thanks.

3 STATE POLICE: Okay.

4 (End of call.)

5 \* \* \*

6 206: 2-0-6, 2-0-2. They want the fire department to  
7 respond (indiscernible).

8 202: Where are they at right now?

9 206: They're on location (indiscernible). They want  
10 them to go to (indiscernible).

11 202: Have them come straight across so they can see  
12 what's going on here. I'm on the other side of the tracks. I'm  
13 looking right at the train now. They've got to come out this way  
14 if they're going to assess it. Yeah, I want somebody here with  
15 (indiscernible) here.

16 \* \* \*

17 1730: County, 17-30.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 17-30.

19 1730: Can you start a squad out here; male with chest  
20 pains, difficulty breathing.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

22 1730: To Ace Pallet, Ace Pallet.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: That's where you need the squad,  
24 at Ace Pallet? All right.

25 17-30 needs an ambulance and medics at Ace Pallet.

1 1730: Affirm.

2 \* \* \*

3 206: 2-0-6, 2-18. We're going to (indiscernible)  
4 where he wanted them.

5 [08:10] 218: Coming this way.

6 \* \* \*

7 [08:30] (Phone ringing.)

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 911. Where's your emergency?

9 MR. VINCI: The emergency's at the Gloucester County  
10 Utilities Authority.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What you got?

12 MR. VINCI: I'm sure you already know, that the utility  
13 -- the train is blocking the road because there's some kind of a  
14 derailment of a train. There's got to be at least 100 cars here.  
15 We can use a cop for traffic here.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I have a derailment in Paulsboro  
17 with a chlorine leak, sir.

18 MR. VINCI: Right, right, but that train is blocking  
19 everybody coming into the GCUA and the traffic's down all the way  
20 to the other light.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. I'll get a West Deptford  
22 -- let me connect you with West Deptford.

23 MR. VINCI: Can you --

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, let me get you the West  
25 Deptford Police.

1 MR. VINCI: Okay. Thank you.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Stay on the line.

3 (Phone ringing.)

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, hold on please.

5 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Police Communications.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hello, this is 911. In  
7 reference to the derailment in Paulsboro, I now have a traffic jam  
8 on Route --

9 MR. VINCI: 44.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- yeah, 44.

11 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Hello?

12 MR. VINCI: Yeah, hello. We have a major traffic jam  
13 at 44 and Paradise Road in front of the Gloucester County  
14 Utilities Authority. There's traffic all the way down to the  
15 other light. People are blocking it up. I'm just worried -- I'm  
16 the Executive Director of the UA -- and I'm just worried that  
17 there's going to be an accident or something.

18 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. What's your name, sir?

19 MR. VINCI: My name is **\*\*PII\*\***, V-i-n-c-i.

20 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. And what's your phone  
21 number there, **\*\*PII\*\***?

22 MR. VINCI: **\*\*PII\*\***.

23 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Um-hum.

24 MR. VINCI: **\*\*PII\*\***.

25 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Um-hum.

1 MR. VINCI: **\*\*PII\*\***. It's my cell. Obviously I can't get  
2 into work either.

3 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. And you're from the --  
4 it's right in front of the utilities, right there on Paradise  
5 Road?

6 MR. VINCI: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. I'll send somebody out.  
8 I don't know what they're going to be able to do because they're  
9 obviously not letting anybody into Paulsboro, so -- but I'll send  
10 an officer around.

11 MR. VINCI: Thank you very much.

12 [10:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're welcome. Bye-bye.

13 \* \* \*

14 [10:05] (Phone ringing.)

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (TAYLOR): Communications, Taylor.

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17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hang on, **\*\*PII\*\***.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (TAYLOR): Okay.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To 1730) 17-30 needs an  
20 ambulance and medics at Ace Pallet?

21 1730: Affirm.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I need a -- I need an ambulance  
23 and medics for a man with chest pains at Ace Pallet.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (TAYLOR): Ace, A-c-e?

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (TAYLOR): Okay.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right? I don't have a  
3 chance to hit them. I'm sorry.

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (TAYLOR): I'll try to get it in,  
5 Hon.

6 [10:34] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thanks.

7 \* \* \*

8 [10:51] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-0-6.

9 206: 2-0-6 here.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6, is it a mandatory  
11 evacuation or is it going to be a lockdown on residence?

12 206: County, mandatory right now for at least three  
13 blocks.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Sarge, where are we  
15 housing them?

16 206: County, 2-0-6. Paulsboro Fire Hall on Thomson  
17 Avenue and Swedesboro.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy, sir.

19 MALE SPEAKER: County, also could you get a District 4  
20 (indiscernible) at Grove Road, Mantua Grove Road?

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

22 \* \* \*

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 14-38 from County.

24 1438: Hey, \*\*\*PII\*\*\*.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: My supervisor would like for you

1 to call in here please.

2 \* \* \*

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communication.

4 CALLER: I live on North Commerce Street in Paulsboro,  
5 and I'm on the bus and someone said they're going door to door and  
6 getting everybody up.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes, ma'am. It's evacuation --

8 CALLER: But I want you to know, my -- nobody's at my  
9 house, and when they knock on the door and nobody answers, they  
10 don't have to break --

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What's your address, ma'am?

12 CALLER: **\*\* PII \*\***.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. So nobody's there, so we  
14 don't --

15 CALLER: It's a **\*\* PII \*\*** house next to the **\*\* PII \*\***.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, ma'am.

17 CALLER: Nobody's there.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thank you.

19 CALLER: Bye-bye.

20 \* \* \*

21 MALE SPEAKER: Hey, Sarge. How you doing?

22 POLICE SERGEANT: Good. Do you have anybody available  
23 for Paulsboro?

24 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. I'm going to go and then when  
25 **\*\* PII \*\***, he clears the Juvenile Detention, he's going to



1 head over.

2 POLICE SERGEANT: All right. Whoever you can spare, we  
3 need a mass evacuation ASAP. Everybody -- the staging is at  
4 Paulsboro Firehouse right now.

5 MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

6 POLICE SERGEANT: And I guess --

7 MALE SPEAKER: Where's the fire house? Right off of,  
8 off of Swedesboro Avenue?

9 POLICE SERGEANT: Yeah.

10 MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

11 POLICE SERGEANT: We have to do like a four or five  
12 block evacuation --

13 MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

14 POLICE SERGEANT: -- because of a LP leak.

15 MALE SPEAKER: All right.

16 POLICE SERGEANT: All right?

17 MALE SPEAKER: All right.

18 POLICE SERGEANT: Thanks.

19 \* \* \*

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You want, you want that bridge  
21 closed down on District 4 side, correct?

22 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, that's affirm, right by the  
23 Gloucester County Sewer Authority, have them shut it down, no  
24 traffic coming through except emergency personnel.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

1 \* \* \*

2 MALE SPEAKER: 2-0-6, be advised you got Paulsboro  
3 Refining hazmat team on location. They're going to go down a  
4 little closer.

5 \* \* \*

6 205: 2-0-6, 2-0-5. 2-0-6 from 2-0-5.

7 206: Go ahead, 205. You have something?

8 205: Jan, be advised this fog is just a reaction to  
9 the spill. It's not that toxic. If anyone comes out of the  
10 house, tell them just to stay in the house with the windows  
11 closed, is the best bet for now.

12 206: Received.

13 \* \* \*

14 MALE SPEAKER: 2-0-6 (indiscernible).

15 \* \* \*

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: Jan, do we have any sheriff's officers  
17 out there?

18 \* \* \*

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County for 1-36.

20 136: 1-36.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Can you go out to by Crown Point  
22 and Paradise Road, by the Gloucester County Utilities. There's a  
23 huge traffic jam due to the derailment in Paulsboro and District 2  
24 is also requesting if you can shut that down, all entrances to  
25 Paulsboro area.

1           136: County, the Authority's shut down due to the  
2 bridge being closed. I'll ride out there anyway.

3           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

4                           \* \* \*

5           817: 2-0-5 from 8-17.

6           217: The (indiscernible) that are advising people to  
7 evacuate, you can just tell them -- start telling them to stay in  
8 their homes, windows and doors closed. That's their best bet now.

9           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.

10                           \* \* \*

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12   **0730 - 0740**

13   [00:00]   (Dial tone; dialing; phone ringing.)

14           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To co-worker) No, shelter in  
15 place. 2-13 was advised and he'll be in.

16           DETECTIVE TILLY: Hello.

17           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hello, is this Detective Tilly  
18 (ph.)?

19           DETECTIVE TILLY: Yeah.

20           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, it's dispatch. How are  
21 you?

22           DETECTIVE TILLY: Good. How are you?

23           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Are you aware of  
24 what's going on?

25           DETECTIVE TILLY: No.

1                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. We have a train  
2 derailment off of Jefferson.

3                   DETECTIVE TILLY: Uh-huh.

4                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Three cars rolled over, one  
5 hazmat -- I mean, one LP tanker is leaking.

6                   DETECTIVE TILLY: Okay.

7                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They're asking for anybody  
8 available to come in.

9                   DETECTIVE TILLY: Okay.

10                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: If you could sign on radio so we  
11 know you're en route.

12                  DETECTIVE TILLY: All right.

13                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thank you, sir.

14                  DETECTIVE TILLY: Yep.

15                  EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: See you.

16   \* \* \*

17                  MALE SPEAKER: 2-18, what's your location right now?

18                  218: Be advised (indiscernible) right now we're at  
19 Stevenson residence making the hazmat (indiscernible). They put a  
20 boom out down right at the mouth of the river just in case for any  
21 spills. The fog you have is a non-toxic at this time. It might  
22 be a little hard breathing, but we try to keep everybody in their  
23 house. Conrail's also out here. They're going to do an  
24 inspection of the cars that didn't derail as far as they know.  
25 The chlorine cars are 27 back. They're the most dangerous.

1 They're going to inspect them and try to get the out of here as  
2 soon as possible.

3 MALE SPEAKER: Copy that. You said they're 27 cars  
4 back?

5 218: The most hazardous material is 27 cars back.  
6 They're going to go on the other side, check the tracks out, and  
7 try to get rid of them and then we can work with the other cars.  
8 You got like four in the water and three tipped over alongside the  
9 Stevenson residence.

10 [01:41] MALE SPEAKER: All right. Copy that, **\*\*PII\*\***. Thanks.

11 \* \* \*

12 [05:40] 206: County, 2-0-6.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6.

14 206: Do me a favor and make notification to the  
15 schools in reference to the non-toxic and they can remain indoors  
16 with the doors and windows closed.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. All the schools were  
18 notified. They closed, locked down.

19 206: All right, copy. If they have some students that  
20 come there or that's already there -- I'm probably thinking mostly  
21 the -- Paulsboro High School. All right, copy that. Thanks.

22 [06:11]

23 \* \* \*

24 [06:37] 205: County from 2-0-5.

25 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- fire station when it's reportable.

1           205: County from 2-0-5.

2           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 0-5, I'm trying to answer you.

3           205: Can you make contact with the principal at  
4 Loudenslager and also Billingsport School, advise them they need  
5 to close the schools down for the day -- they can start notifying  
6 parents -- due to this train accident. The high school's been  
7 notified already as well as Guardian Angels.

8           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy, sir. We notified  
9 all the schools that they're closed for the day.

10 [07:15} 205: Received.

11   \* \* \*

12 [08:01] MRS. HONE: Billingsport School.

13           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, it's Paulsboro PD. How are  
14 you?

15           MRS. HONE: Hey.

16           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey. I need to notify you guys  
17 to shut down and to keep everybody inside. We had a train  
18 derailment.

19           MRS. HONE: Go ahead. Keep talking.

20           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And --

21           MRS. HONE: It's kind of hard to tell us to shut down  
22 because I don't even know how to get to all our parents.

23           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

24           MRS. HONE: I mean, we're -- we -- Mr. Bracciante has  
25 taken my staff into the all purpose room, which is our gym.

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Wait. Hold on right --  
2 hold on a second. All right. I'm going to transfer you to my  
3 supervisor, okay?

4           MRS. HONE: Okay.

5           (Phone ringing.)

6   \* \* \*

7           210: 2-10 to assisting patrols. If you see any kids  
8 walking to school, advise them to go back home, there's no school  
9 today.

10          MALE OFFICER: I only saw one. I'll advise him.

11   \* \* \*

12          DISPATCH SUPERVISOR (RICK): Hello, how are you?

13          MRS. HONE: Hey. Who's this?

14          DISPATCH SUPERVISOR (RICK): This is Rick. I'm the  
15 supervisor.

16          MRS. HONE: Hi, how are you?

17          DISPATCH SUPERVISOR (RICK): Good. And I'm speaking  
18 with?

19          MRS. HONE: This is Mrs. Hone (ph.), the secretary.

20          DISPATCH SUPERVISOR (RICK): Okay. The school is going  
21 to be closed because of the train derailment, and if you have  
22 anybody in there already, if you can notify parents, through the  
23 emergency contact. If we have to do an evacuation, the evacuation  
24 point is going to be the Paulsboro Fire Department on Swedesboro  
25 Avenue.

1 MRS. HONE: So what am I supposed to do with my staff  
2 that's already here? I'm obviously leaving them here?

3 DISPATCH SUPERVISOR (RICK): Okay. You can -- let me  
4 just double check, but I believe you can shelter in place. Hold  
5 on one second, all right?

6 MRS. HONE: Yep.

7 (To Mr. Bracciante) Mr. Bracciante, back to the office  
8 please. Change of plans. We're staying. We have to shelter in  
9 place.

10 Hang on. I have the PD on here now, so just wait.

11 PRINCIPAL BRACCIANTE: Hang on. We got the police  
12 department on --

13 MRS. HONE: They're telling me we need to shelter in  
14 place, but our kids are not coming.

15 PRINCIPAL BRACCIANTE: We're supposed to shelter in  
16 place but our kids are not coming?

17 MRS. HONE: So how am I supposed to get word to our  
18 parents?

19 PRINCIPAL BRACCIANTE: Hang on.

20 MRS. HONE: I'm on hold. Hold on. I'm on hold.

21 PRINCIPAL BRACCIANTE: Okay, John. Yeah.

22 MRS. HONE: How the hell am I supposed to do that?

23 PRINCIPAL BRACCIANTE: I don't -- so what are we  
24 supposed to do? The people that are here --

25 MRS. HONE: Stand at the door, send them home? They're



1 not even going to let them back home.

2 PRINCIPAL BRACCIANTE: John said that we're supposed to  
3 remain and basically shelter in place.

4 MRS. HONE: And that's what I'm saying.

5 DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR (RICK): Okay. You can stay  
6 there, just shelter in place for now until further --

7 MRS. HONE: Right. Well, we've gotten instructions  
8 from our superintendent that if anyone is here, including our  
9 students, we need to shelter in place.

10 DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR (RICK): Okay. That's fine.  
11 That's what we're saying. Shelter in place --

12 MRS. HONE: Okay.

13 DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR (RICK): -- until further notice.

14 MRS. HONE: Thank you.

15 [10:28] DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR (RICK): All right.

16 \* \* \*

17 [15:12] (Phone ringing.)

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): The captain's not  
19 answering.

20 CHIEF: Hello.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Hi, Captain? I mean,  
22 Chief, I'm sorry.

23 CHIEF: Yes.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Hi. It's Pat from County.

25 CHIEF: Hi, Pat.



1 5239: I'm Broad and Delaware, right.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're Broad and Delaware right  
3 now?

4 5239: I'm at Ladner and Swedesboro right now.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hold on. I'm looking at the  
6 map. I see Swedesboro. What's your cross on Swedesboro?

7 5239: Ladner.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Ladner.

9 5239: Well, I'm following Washington Township now,  
10 so --

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: It's right after -- it's right  
12 at the end -- if you're on Swedesboro, which is one way, it's  
13 right off -- wherever Delaware and Swedesboro and Broad all come  
14 together?

15 5239: Uh-huh.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: If you get on Swedesboro from  
17 there, it's one or two blocks up. You'll hit Thomson and then  
18 you'll hit New. It's right on that block.

19 5239: Thomson and New?

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah. Thomson and New don't  
21 intersect but Thomson intersects with Swedesboro and then the next  
22 street up on Swedesboro is New, and that's --

23 5239: Oh.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- it's right between the two of  
25 them.

1                   5239: I think these two are going the wrong way now.

2 Oh, man, this is --

3                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Which way did you come in? Did  
4 you come in from 44?

5                   5239: No, I came in from Berkeley Road.

6                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Berkeley Road turns into  
7 Delaware. If you go Delaware towards the river.

8                   5239: (Speaking to Washington Township) I'm going, I'm  
9 going towards the bridge right now on Broad. You're on that --  
10 you're going the other way?

11                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're on Broad going towards  
12 the bridge towards West Deptford?

13                   5239: Yes.

14                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: As soon as you hit Delaware,  
15 make a right.

16                   5239: Okay.

17                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And then as soon as you make  
18 that right, Swedesboro branches off to the right. It's like a  
19 three point intersection. So take that --

20                   5239: Okay.

21                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- take that right and then it  
22 should be two blocks up.

23                   5239: Okay.

24                   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay?

25                   5239: All right.

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

2 [17:45] 5239: See you.

3 \* \* \*

4 [20:00] 4102: 41-0-2 to 4-6-5. Adam, I'm trying to call your  
5 car.

6 465: Yeah, I tried calling you. There's no answer,  
7 but this is about something else. Go down to Crown Point Road and  
8 see if the bridge is, in fact, closed. They were supposed to post  
9 all this out and everything, but I guess the DOT never did.

10 4102: Yeah, I'm just pulling up now. There is no DOT  
11 out here whatsoever. There's cars off on the shoulder but there's  
12 no -- nothing obstructing the intersection right now.

13 465: What intersection, Mike?

14 4102: I'm at Crown Point and Mantua Grove where  
15 Paradise Road and all is. The intersection is mainly backed up  
16 because the train is stuck across the Paradise Road tracks there,  
17 go back into Citgo.

18 465: All right. Continue down to the bridge. See if  
19 that's closed or not.

20 4102: It's not. I went all the way down there  
21 already.

22 [21:06] 465: Switch over.

23 \* \* \*

24 **0740 - 0750**

25 [05:31] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Deptford cars heading into

1 Paulsboro, they're advising them switch over to Zone 3, Channel  
2 27.

3 [5:37}

4 \* \* \*

5 [10:21] (Phone ringing.)

6 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Traffic Operations, Steve,  
7 can I help you?

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, how you doing, Steve?

9 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Okay. How are you?

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I'm calling for Paulsboro. This  
11 is County Dispatch.

12 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Okay.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They have a train derailment  
14 with spills and they're requesting Route 44 shut down. Am I --  
15 did I call the right number?

16 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Okay, Route 44.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: At the drawbridge, the -- you  
18 know, the -- right at --

19 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Right.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- the beginning of Paulsboro  
21 there. They have a police officer out there now but they're  
22 wondering if you could get -- I guess just barricades will work,  
23 so they can free him up for some evacuations.

24 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Okay. And you're from the  
25 Paulsboro PD?

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, well, Dispatch, County  
2 Dispatch.

3 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Okay.

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: But Paulsboro PD requested it.

5 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Okay. And your name?

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: My badge number is **\*\*PII\*\***.

7 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): **\*\*PII\*\***. All righty. I'll  
8 pass it on.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Thank you.

10 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): All right.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

12 [11:11] TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (STEVE): Bye-bye.

13 \* \* \*

14 [16:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

15 MIKE: Hey, Jane.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Mikey Mike.

17 MIKE: Hey, hey. Myself and Carla will be responding  
18 in Paulsboro.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Oh, this is great, because it's  
20 a catastrophe, Buddy. You and who? Carla?

21 MIKE: Yeah, Carla. What's your badge number, Carla?

22 CARLA: **\*\*PII\*\***.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: **\*\*PII\*\***, I got her.

24 MIKE: We're going to go straight to that firehouse.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Sounds good.

1 MIKE: All right. See ya.

2 [16:18] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Bye, Buddy.

3 \* \* \*

4 **0750 - 0800**

5 [00:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All units responding to  
6 Paulsboro, you go in to the firehouse from Delaware Street, make a  
7 left-hand turn onto New Street, you come up on Swedesboro and the  
8 firehouse is right there.

9 [00:19]

10 \* \* \*

11 **0800 - 0810**

12 [03:56] 1730: (indiscernible), 17-30. We're down here by the  
13 bridge. This cloud is getting much thicker and coming towards us.  
14 Do we need to be concerned, apply (indiscernible)?

15 MALE SPEAKER: Stay in your car. Stay in your car and  
16 you'll be fine. Not hazardous. If anything, it'll irritation to  
17 your eyes and nose. But if you stay in your car with the windows  
18 up, it'll be a little better for you.

19 [4:18]

20 \* \* \*

21 [05:01] (Phone ringing.)

22 Barry: Hello.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hello. Is Barry there?

24 BARRY: Speaking.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, Barry. It's Paulsboro



1 Police Dispatch. How are you?

2 BARRY: Yeah, what's up?

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Can you go back to the church?  
4 We need to open that up for a shelter right now because we're  
5 doing some evacuations.

6 BARRY: Okay. Now, I was just sent away there from the  
7 Paulsboro Police.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, I know. They're asking  
9 you to come back to open it up.

10 BARRY: Okay. I'll be there.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thank you.

12 [5:23] BARRY: All right, bye.

13 \* \* \*

14 [06:34] 814: 2-0-5 from 8-14.

15 205: Go ahead, 8-14.

16 814: Hey, Sarge, I heard you say earlier that this was  
17 non-toxic. You're telling everybody to close by just stay  
18 indoors. Should we be locking my school down or closing it? Is  
19 there any change?

20 205: That's going to be up to you to contact your  
21 students. If they have somebody at the schools at this time, to  
22 keep everything closed, it should be fine. They are getting  
23 readings at (indiscernible) research right now, but nothing to be  
24 alarming. But maybe someone should monitor the schools.

25 814: Yeah, copy that. It's 8:00. I just got all my

1 buses arriving now, so I didn't know if anything had changed.

2 [7:15]

3 \* \* \*

4 **0810 - 0820**

5 [02:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

6 DANNY: Good morning, Jan. This is **\*\* PII \*\*** (ph.).

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, darling --

8 DANNY: Hi.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- how are you?

10 DANNY: I'm well. I know you're busy, but that's why  
11 I'm calling. Karma wanted me to reach out to your guys and see  
12 what you may need from us in the way of resources?

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Let me see where Rick's at.

14 DANNY: I'm on my way down there right now. In  
15 transit.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Let me see where Rick's at.

17 DANNY: Thank you, ma'am.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: It's a major. No evacuations,  
19 everything is in place.

20 DANNY: Okay.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They're keeping everybody --  
22 wherever they're at, they're told to stay, shut the windows, you  
23 know, the whole nine yards.

24 DANNY: What's the product? Polyvinyl chloride?

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I cannot tell you. I really

1 don't know, Danny. Let me see where he's at.

2 DANNY: Okay.

3 [2:43] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hold on one second.

4 \* \* \*

5 [04:07] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. We're being advised that  
6 they don't want them to attempt to remove the train at this time.

7 They want them to shelter in place until further notice and if  
8 you could get a contact -- get contact information from whoever's  
9 going to be in charge of doing that, we need it.

10 CALLER: Cali (ph.), I apologize. You're going to have  
11 to come back with that. I was out here talking to somebody.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: The answer is going to be  
13 negative on the unhooking of the train, okay. Until further  
14 notice, they want the employees to shelter in place and also ask  
15 that you get a contact number for the person in charge out there  
16 so they can contact them if and when they need someone to unhook  
17 that train.

18 CALLER: Understood. I'll pass the message along, and  
19 I'll get a number in one second.

20 [5:01] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Received. Thank you, sir.

21 \* \* \*

22 [06:43] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, this is, this is, this is  
23 big.

24 DANNY: Yeah, I was expecting one of these things. I  
25 was hoping it wasn't hydrogen fluoride, anyway.

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I -- they said what it is, but  
2 he'll be able to tell you more.

3           DANNY: All righty.

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They -- something about they  
5 weren't supposed -- no traffic through there after 4:00 and, well,  
6 I guess a train went through and it fell in the water.

7           DANNY: Oh, fell into the creek, huh?

8           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Uh-huh.

9           DANNY: Oh, where's the command center, Jan?

10          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: It's going to be Paulsboro  
11 Firehouse right there, Swedesboro and New. You know where I'm at?

12          DANNY: Yeah, I used to work there for five years for  
13 Paulsboro.

14          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, and the only access in is  
15 Delaware. Every street into Paulsboro is shut.

16          DANNY: And how many units do we have down there, do  
17 you know?

18          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I have **\*\*PII\*\*** (ph.), **\*\*PII\*\*** from  
19 Grove Road. I have **\*\*PII\*\*** and **\*\*PII\*\*** (ph.) from the Sheriff  
20 Department.

21          DANNY: So we got four of our people.

22          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And that's not enough. I mean,  
23 it's -- but, I mean, we got every town has responded throughout  
24 Gloucester County.

25          DANNY: Okay. I'm on my way down.



1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Um-hum.

2 MR. MURRAY: Should we be evacuating? And what is the  
3 wind draft and stuff for this?

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No, they are not requesting any  
5 evacuation at this time. They want you to shelter in place, sir,  
6 doors and windows closed, and the wind is blowing south/southwest,  
7 if that will help you.

8 MR. MURRAY: Okay.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right?

10 MR. MURRAY: And will they call the businesses --

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I'm going to take your  
12 information right now. What's your direct number there, sir?

13 MR. MURRAY: My direct number is [REDACTED] --

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Um-hum.

15 MR. MURRAY: -- \*\* PII \*\*.

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And you are [REDACTED],  
17 correct?

18 MR. MURRAY: Yes. I'm the safety manager for the  
19 plant.

EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What's -- all right. What's  
20 your business name there?

21 MR. MURRAY: It's -- well, it used to be called  
22 Shorewood Display, but it's International Paper.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: International Paper?

24 MR. MURRAY: Yes.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. If we get any news

1 for evacuation, someone will contact you, sir.

2 MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

3 [4:55] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're welcome.

4 \* \* \*

5 **Zone 1: 0700 - 1200**

6 [00:16] (Phone ringing.)

7 RECORDING: Please wait.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Paulsboro Fire Company.

9 I'm calling West Deptford.

10 (Phone ringing.)

11 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): West Deptford.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Hey, Mike, it's Denise.

13 WEST DEPTFORD DISPATCHER: Hi, Denise.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Hi. Do you have any  
15 extra guys that can go assist Paulsboro? They had a train  
16 derailment.

17 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Yeah, we could probably send,  
18 yeah, send DeGarra (ph.) down there.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Send DeGarra. Okay.

20 (To co-worker) Where are they meeting at?

21 (To Mike) Paulsboro Firehouse, Thomson and Swedesboro.

22 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Okay.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Okay?

24 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Yep.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Do you want me to tell

1 him or --

2 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): I'll get him.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Okay.

4 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Thomson and Swedesboro.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Yeah, at the Paulsboro  
6 Firehouse.

7 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): Okay.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): All righty. Thanks,  
9 Mike.

10 WEST DEPTFORD (MIKE): All right, Denise.

11 [01:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (DENISE): Bye.

12 \* \* \*

13 [01:16] 465: 4-1-2-9, 4-6-5.

14 4129: (indiscernible).

15 465: Paulsboro had a train derailment. They need  
16 assistance. Can you meet at the Paulsboro Fire Department,  
17 Thomson and Swedesboro Avenue?

18 [01:36] 4129: Received.

19 \* \* \*

20 [01:56] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 911. Where's your emergency?

21 MR. VINCI: The emergency's at the Gloucester County  
22 Utilities Authority.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What you got?

24 MR. VINCI: I'm sure you already know that the utility  
25 -- the train is blocking the road because there's some kind of a



1 derailment of a train. There's got to be at least 100 cars here.  
2 We can use a cop for traffic here.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I have a derailment in Paulsboro  
4 with a chlorine leak, sir.

5 MR. VINCI: Right, right, but that train is blocking  
6 everybody coming into the GCUA and the traffic's down all the way  
7 to the other light.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. I'll get a West  
9 Deptford -- let me connect you with West Deptford.

10 MR. VINCI: You (indiscernible) --

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, let me get you the West  
12 Deptford Police.

13 MR. VINCI: Okay. Thank you.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Stay on the line.

15 (Phone ringing.)

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Hold on please.

17 WEST DEPTFORD: Police Communications.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hello, this is 911. In  
19 reference to the derailment in Paulsboro, I now have a traffic jam  
20 on Route --

21 MR. VINCI: 44.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- yeah, 44.

23 MR. VINCI: Right across --

24 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Hello?

25 MR. VINCI: Yeah, hello. We have a major traffic jam

1 at 44 and Paradise Road in front of the Gloucester County  
2 Utilities Authority. There's traffic all the way down to the  
3 other light. People are blocking up. I'm just worried -- I'm the  
4 executive director of the UA, and I'm just worried that there's  
5 going to be an accident or something.

6 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. What's your name, sir?

7 MR. VINCI: My name is **\*\*PII\*\***, V-i-n-c-i.

8 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. And what's your phone  
9 number there, **\*\*PII\*\***?

10 MR. VINCI: **\*\*PII\*\***.

11 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Um-hum.

12 MR. VINCI: **\*\*PII\*\***.

13 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Um-hum.

14 MR. VINCI: **\*\*PII\*\***. It's my cell. Obviously, I can't  
15 get into work either.

16 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. And you're from the --  
17 it's right in front of the utilities, right there on Paradise  
18 Road?

19 MR. VINCI: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

20 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: Okay. I'll send somebody out.  
21 I don't know what they're going to be able to do because they're  
22 obviously not letting anybody into Paulsboro, so -- but I'll send  
23 an officer around.

24 MR. VINCI: Thank you very much.

25 WEST DEPTFORD POLICE: You're welcome. Bye-bye.

1 [03:27] MR. VINCI: Bye.

2 \* \* \*

3 [03:37] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, for 1-36.

4 136: This is 1-36.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Can you go out to by Crown Point  
6 and Paradise Road, by the Gloucester County Utilities, there's a  
7 huge traffic jam due to the derailment in Paulsboro and District 2  
8 is also requesting if you can shut that down, all entrances to the  
9 Paulsboro area.

10 136: County, the Authority's shut down due to the  
11 bridge being closed. I'll ride out there anyway.

12 [04:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

13 \* \* \*

14 [04:21]

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (indiscernible) County,  
16 (indiscernible).

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Received.

18 \* \* \*

19 4102: 41-0-2 to 4-6-5. \*\* P11 \*\*, I'm trying to call your  
20 car.

21 465: Yeah, I tried calling you. There's no answer,  
22 but this is about something else. Go down to Crown Point Road and  
23 see if the bridge is, in fact, closed. They were supposed to post  
24 all this out and everything, but I guess the DOT never did.

25 4102: Yeah, I'm just pulling up now. There is no DOT

1 out here whatsoever. There's cars off on the shoulder but there's  
2 no -- nothing obstructing the intersection right now.

3 465: What intersection, Mike?

4 4102: I'm at Crown Point and Mantua Grove where  
5 Paradise Road and all is. The intersection is mainly backed up  
6 because the train is stuck across the Paradise Road tracks there,  
7 go back into Citgo.

8 465: All right. Continue down to the bridge. See if  
9 that's closed or not.

10 4102: It's not. I went all the way down there  
11 already.

12 465: Switch over.

13 \* \* \*

14 [06:20] MALE SPEAKER: Car 1-6. Can you check him all the way  
15 please?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sure. Standby.

17 \* \* \*

18 4129: County, 4-1-2-9. Just be advised I'm out at  
19 District 2, North Commerce and 44.

20 MALE SPEAKER: Our guys are already --

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. 4-1-2-9, they're asking  
22 you to switch over to Channel 27, Zone -- Zone 3.

23 \* \* \*

24 4136: County, 4-1-36.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 4-1-36.

1           4136: Can you just advise or check with Paulsboro just  
2 to verify that they want Crown Point and Mantua Grove closed off  
3 so no vehicles -- I guess they don't want any vehicles coming over  
4 the black bridge. Can you just verify that?

5 [07:12]     EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

6                                   \* \* \*

7 [08:17]     EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 4-1-36, County.

8           4136: 1-36.

9           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. That's going to be  
10 affirm. They want the bridge closed down, no traffic into  
11 Paulsboro and DOT is being notified so that you don't have to  
12 standby there.

13 [08:36]     4136: Received.

14                                   \* \* \*

15 [09:19]     465: County, 4-6-5.

16           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 4-6-5.

17           465: What did you say about DOT shutting something  
18 down? What is being shut down?

19           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: DOT is being notified to come  
20 out and shut down 44 at Paradise Road, the entrance to the black  
21 bridge in Paulsboro, in that area. They don't want any traffic  
22 going into Paulsboro.

23           465: Okay. There are two different locations. Are we  
24 shutting down Crown Point at Paradise and Crown Point and the  
25 Bridge? Do I understand that correctly?

1 [10:00]

2 \* \* \*

3 [21:17] 4102: County, 4-1-0-2.

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 4-1-0-2.

5 4102: I have the representative from NuStar here.

6 They have the ability to detach these train cars. They're trying  
7 to evacuate the plant. Can you get ahold of whoever is in charge  
8 down at Paulsboro to see if they will give them permission to do  
9 that?

10 [21:43] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Standby.

11 \* \* \*

12 [21:49] 465: County, 4-6-5.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 4-6-5.

14 465: On location, Crown Point and Paradise.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

16 4-1-0-2, County. 4-1-0-2, when you get a minute  
17 please.

18 4102: Go ahead.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. We're being advised that  
20 they don't want them to attempt to unhook the train at this time.  
21 They want them to shelter in place until further notice, and if  
22 you could get a contact -- get contact information from whoever is  
23 going to be in charge of doing that, we need it.

24 4102: Cali (ph.), I apologize. You're going to have  
25 to come back with that. I was out here talking to somebody.



1 Broad and Delaware.

2 465: Okay. County, 4-6-5.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Standby, I'll find out for you,  
4 Sarge.

5 465: Okay, well, just -- how does the incident --  
6 whoever the incident commander is, we had somebody from Dobbs  
7 Crane our town stop by with a contact number. They said if they  
8 need any assistance with a crane, they'll make it available.

9 [25:49] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

10 \* \* \*

11 [28:18] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communication.

12 CALLER: Hi. Was there a train wreck in Paulsboro?

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes, there was.

14 CALLER: Are West Deptford residents being told not to  
15 leave their house as well?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: It depends on where you live in  
17 proximity to that. Where do you live?

18 CALLER: In Sherwood.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I don't think -- no, the wind's  
20 not blowing your way. You live off of Jessup Road, correct?

21 CALLER: Um-hum.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Jessup and Kings?

23 CALLER: Yeah.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, the wind's not blowing  
25 your way, but you should -- still should be careful.



1 CALLER: What happened?

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: The train went off the track.

3 CALLER: Oh, Lord. And what -- do they know what  
4 spilled?

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I don't, but they do. I don't,  
6 sir.

7 CALLER: Oh, okay. Thank you.

8 [30:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're welcome.

9 \* \* \*

10 [32:10] LT WIGFALL: Hey, good morning. This is LT Wigfall  
11 from the U.S. Coast Guard.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi.

13 LT WIGFALL: I'm just calling to notify you guys of the  
14 vinyl chloride spill in Mantua Creek.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: The what? I'm sorry.

16 LT WIGFALL: It's a vinyl chloride spill from a train  
17 wreckage.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

19 LT WIGFALL: We -- I'm only doing it as a courtesy  
20 because you guys are not on our early warning system.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

22 LT WIGFALL: All right. I just wanted to get a name,  
23 ma'am.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. My number's **\*\* PII \*\***. We  
25 have officers -- we have everybody out there already.

1 LT WIGFALL: Good. What's your name?  
2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: My name's Denise.  
3 LT WIGFALL: Denise?  
4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes. And what was your name,  
5 Lieutenant?  
6 LT WIGFALL: Wigfall, W-i-g-f-a-l-l.  
7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All righty.  
8 LT WIGFALL: All right.  
9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thanks.  
10 [32:43] LT WIGFALL: Bye.  
11 \* \* \*  
12 [57:23] 465: 41-36, 4-6-5.  
13 4136: Yeah, **\*\*PII\*\*** (ph.).  
14 465: By chance, are you still down that way?  
15 4136: Negative.  
16 465: Head back. They're probably going to get word  
17 from their superiors, but tell DOT they can open Crown Point Road.  
18 4136: Received.  
19 \* \* \*  
20 465: 41-29, 4-6-5.  
21 4129: Go ahead.  
22 465: Everything's clear to post.  
23 [58:04] 4129: Copy that.  
24 \* \* \*  
25 [01:23:16] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

1 MR. MARSHALL: Yeah, this is **\*\* PII \*\***. I have  
2 cattle up -- downstream from the chemical spill.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Um-hum.

4 MR. MARSHALL: I was wondering if I could talk to  
5 somebody to give me an update on how that's going, if they got it  
6 contained or --

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You could try calling over to  
8 the Municipal Building, sir, and ask to speak to someone in  
9 Emergency Management at this point.

10 MR. MARSHALL: Okay.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Because we don't have any other  
12 information than what you were given.

13 MR. MARSHALL: Okay. What's the -- we were given no  
14 information. I had to call. But what Municipal Building are you  
15 talking about? Paulsboro?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Or West Deptford, yeah.

17 MR. MARSHALL: Okay. All right, then.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right?

19 MR. MARSHALL: That's it. Thanks.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Um-hum.

21 \* \* \*

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

23 MR. NEEDHAM: Yeah, hi. This is **\*\* PII \*\*** with  
24 Colonial Pipeline Company.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hello.

1 MR. NEEDHAM: I just want to give you guys a phone  
2 number here at my desk.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

4 MR. NEEDHAM: You know who we are, right?

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Colonial Pipeline, yeah.

6 MR. NEEDHAM: I mean, we're right down the road and  
7 tank farm and everything else. From that spill this morning and  
8 everything else, if you guys could keep us informed of any  
9 emergency changes?

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sure. Okay, what's your last  
11 name, Bill?

12 MR. NEEDHAM: Needham, N-e-e-d-h-a-m.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. And your phone number?

14 MR. NEEDHAM: **\*\* PII \*\***.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Um-hum.

16 MR. NEEDHAM: **\*\* PII \*\***.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

18 MR. NEEDHAM: **\*\* PII \*\***.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

20 MR. NEEDHAM: And if for any reason I'm not at the  
21 console, let me give you my other, other number. The phone here  
22 is **\*\* PII \*\***.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

24 MR. NEEDHAM: Any updates you may have, any changes,  
25 that stuff, if there's any kind of evacuations or -- or just

1 changes in what's happening over there, because we have -- we have  
2 our pipelines and everything going through that area.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

4 MR. NEEDHAM: All righty?

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All righty.

6 MR. NEEDHAM: Appreciate it. Thank you.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No problem. You're welcome.

8 MR. NEEDHAM: Bye.

9 [01:25:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Bye-bye.

10 \* \* \*

11 **Zone 2: 0700 - 1200**

12 [01:43] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I got State Police Marine Unit  
13 right now.

14 (Phone ringing.)

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I got Marine Unit right now.

16 STATE POLICE: State Police, Marine (indiscernible)  
17 Myers.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, this is Paulsboro Police  
19 Dispatch. I just need to notify you guys -- we notified the Coast  
20 Guard and all -- we've got a train derailment in Paulsboro on East  
21 Jefferson Street and it's hazardous materials going into the  
22 waterway.

23 STATE POLICE: Do you know what kind of material?

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: We have two placards so far,  
25 1086 and 1987.

1 STATE POLICE: -6, 1987. In what waterway?  
2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To Dispatcher 2) What's that  
3 waterway there?  
4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 2: Huh?  
5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What's that waterway there? The  
6 Delaware River?  
7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 2: Mantua Creek.  
8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To State Police) Mantua Creek.  
9  
10 STATE POLICE: I'm sorry?  
11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Mantua Creek.  
12 STATE POLICE: Mantua Creek?  
13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah.  
14 STATE POLICE: Do you know how much by chance?  
15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No, I don't. They're still  
16 trying to figure that out.  
17 STATE POLICE: Is it a heavy spill or like a --  
18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: A pretty good -- yeah, it's a  
19 good spill.  
20 STATE POLICE: Okay. Your operator number, sir?  
21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: **\*\*PII\*\***.  
22 STATE POLICE: And you say you're Paulsboro?  
23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes. Your name?  
24 STATE POLICE: Myers. **\*\*PII\*\*** -- yeah, **\*\*PII\*\***.  
25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: **\*\*PII\*\***?

1 STATE POLICE: Yeah.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. If you need anything else  
3 from us, I'll give it Burlington and see if they want to go out,  
4 but if you need anything else from us, just give us a call.

5 STATE POLICE: All right.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thanks.

7 [03:00] STATE POLICE: Okay.

8 \* \* \*

9 [13:20] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No, I would stay where you're at  
10 because even if you try and go out, with the traffic the way it  
11 is, you're not going to get around anywhere.

12 CALLER: So if we need to evacuate, you'll let us know?

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They will let you know.

14 CALLER: Okay.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right? Thank you.

16 CALLER: Bye-bye.

17 \* \* \*

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communication.

19 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Sir, I'm a Paulsboro resident. I'm asking  
20 is it safe to go outside?

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No, I would say in your  
22 residence with your doors and windows shut, ma'am.

23 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Okay, because nobody's coming around here  
24 telling us and my husband is sick.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Ma'am, does he need an

1 ambulance?

2 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* That's what I'm trying to find --

3 (To husband) Do you need an ambulance?

4 MR. \*\*PII\*\* Yeah.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Is he --

6 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Yeah, he do. Because he was outside and  
7 stuff and now he done come in throwing up his stuff and he's sick.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. What is your address,  
9 ma'am?

10 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* \*\*PII\*\* .

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: \*\*PII\*\* ?

12 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Yes.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. And your name?

14 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* I'm \*\*PII\*\* his wife.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sylvia, what was the name?

16 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* E-p-p-s, \*\*PII\*\* --

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: \*\*PII\*\* I'm sorry.

18 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* -- \*\*PII\*\* .

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Hold on, ma'am.

20 Your last name?

21 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* \*\*PII\*\* .

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: \*\*PII\*\* , that's your last name?

23 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Yes, sir.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: What's your phone number?

25 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* \*\*PII\*\* .



1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. And how old is your  
2 husband?

3 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* About \*\*PII\*\*

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: \*\*PII\*\* year-old male. Okay. And  
5 what's he -- he's throwing up and --

6 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Sick in his stomach, yeah. He's been sick  
7 a whole month with strep throat and stuff, and he been outside  
8 this morning bumming around and he came back in sick in his  
9 stomach. So I don't know --

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, okay. Is his -- like his  
11 eyes irritated or anything like that?

12 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Are your eyes irritated?

13 MR. \*\*PII\*\* No.

14 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* No, he said no.

15 MR. \*\*PII\*\* I'm sick in my stomach and I'm hot.

16 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* And he hot.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. I'm going to send an  
18 officer over and an ambulance, okay?

19 MRS. \*\*PII\*\* Thank you.

20 \* \* \*

21 (Phone ringing.)

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Communications.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey, did you guys get that  
24 \*\*PII\*\* in Paulsboro?

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: He supposedly has been like  
2 sick, flu-like, but now he went outside this morning when this  
3 situation happened and now he's throwing up and his eyes are  
4 irritated.

5           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Oh, wonderful. All right.

6           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

7 [15:18]   EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, bye.

8   \* \* \*

9   Zone 3: 0700 - 1200

10 [00:00]   (Dialing.)

11           CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Hurry up.

12           DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON: I know.

13           (Phone ringing.)

14           CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Look at it.

15           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 911. Where is the emergency?

16           CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Hurry up. The train derailed  
17 at the train bridge in Paulsboro.

18           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

19           CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): It fell in the water. Hurry  
20 up. Smoke's everywhere.

21           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Is anyone injured?

22           CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Not that I'm aware of.

23           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Hold on while I transfer  
24 you to the police.

25           CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): Hurry up, please.

1 (Dial Tone; dialing.)

2 CALLER (WIFE OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF): I watched it.

3 DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON: Did you call 911?

4 CALLER (MRS. STEVENSON): I'm on the phone.

5 POLICE DISPATCHER: Good morning. Police --

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, 911 transfer. [REDACTED] East

7 Jefferson's reporting there's a train derailed.

8 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah, I got it.

9 I'm the assistant fire chief.

10 POLICE DISPATCHER: Yes?

11 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah. Hello?

12 POLICE DISPATCHER: Yeah, what's wrong?

13 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah, there's a  
14 train, it's spewing out all kind of gas. It derailed into the  
15 Mantua Creek.

16 POLICE DISPATCHER: Okay. It --

17 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): The bridge  
18 collapsed.

19 POLICE DISPATCHER: Okay. Where's that? Mantua --  
20 where at?

21 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Yeah, Mantua  
22 Creek and -- 230 East Jefferson Street.

23 POLICE DISPATCHER: 230 East Jefferson. Is everybody  
24 okay?

25 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): The engine's not

1 in, but the train is over. We have a tank car leaking something  
2 that's into the water.

3 POLICE DISPATCHER: Okay. And you're in Paulsboro,  
4 right?

5 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): In Paulsboro.

6 POLICE DISPATCHER: All right.

7 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): You can put me  
8 on location.

9 POLICE DISPATCHER: And you're the fire chief, correct?

10 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): I'm the  
11 assistant fire chief, **\*\*PII\*\***.

12 POLICE DISPATCHER: **\*\*PII\*\***, okay.

13 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Copy. Bye.

14 POLICE DISPATCHER: All right.

15 Alarm room, you still on the phone? Hello?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You there? We got it.

17 POLICE DISPATCHER: All right.

18 CALLER (DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STEVENSON): Got it?

19 POLICE DISPATCHER: You're sending it over?

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yep. Yep.

21 POLICE DISPATCHER: Thanks.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: See you.

23 \* \* \*

24 [01:31] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, District 2 cars, you  
25 have a train derailed, 44 Mantua Creek, the front part of the car

1 is still on the track. The rest of the train is in the river.

2 218: County, 2-18, copy.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: District 2 cars, I'm getting an  
4 address of 230 East Jefferson.

5 218: Copy, County.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: District 2, who's on duty?

7 218: 2-18, 2-10 and 2-0-6.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County copies all three units.

9 218: County, 2-18. I'm going to be out.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy, 218.

11 \* \* \*

12 206: Sarge, Car 2-0-6, on the scene. You need to  
13 respond out here. It's a major emergency, bridge collapsed and  
14 major hazards, potentially are life threatening.

15 [02:41]

16 \* \* \*

17 [02:46] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-18.

18 218: County, 2-18. They have an odor out here. They  
19 are not familiar what this odor is, but hazards -- hazardous  
20 release.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

22 2-18, how close is it to the schools?

23 218: All right, the train is on the east side of North  
24 Commerce Street. The engine is halfway across Commerce, so I  
25 would say approximately about a half a mile to three-quarters of a

1 mile from the school.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Do you want the schools  
3 notified?

4 218: Yeah, the Sarge is on his way out here, and  
5 we'll, we'll be in touch.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, 2- -- copy, 218. Can  
7 you get any DOT placards or anything off any of the tanks?

8 218: Yeah, I'm speaking to them now. I'll get what I  
9 can from them.

10 [04:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy, sir.

11 \* \* \*

12 [04:15] 218: 8-11 to 2-19.

13 811: 2-18, 8-11.

14 218: 2-18.

15 811: I've got a gentleman that used to work at a  
16 propane plant. He just came over the bridge from West Deptford in  
17 the town, just stopped me on my car stop, told me he believes that  
18 smell is propane. He believes he sees the fog or something, that  
19 he believes is running into the water under the bridge, just for  
20 your information.

21 218: Copy.

22 \* \* \*

23 1730: County, 17-30.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 17-30.

25 1730: Yeah, I can confirm that. I'm out on the bridge

1 on Broad Street. There's a heavy cloud over top of this water.

2 [05:20] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy.

3 \* \* \*

4 [06:40] SARGE: Hey, guys, any available units that can respond  
5 to help us evacuate a few, a few of these homes in the area.

6 There's a lot of thick smoke coming from the creek area going  
7 towards Delaware, going towards east of town.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, Sarge. You need any  
9 available units to assist?

10 SARGE: Yeah, for the evacuation for these homes.  
11 They're concerned about one of the cars -- that one of the trains  
12 that may derailed in the area, car 8 may be something to be  
13 worried about.

14 [07:17] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

15 \* \* \*

16 [07:36] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Units monitor your radios, two  
17 at once. 2-18 repeat the placards please.

18 County, 2-18, repeat your last transmission. You were  
19 stepped on.

20 218: County, 2-18. The identifiers on the main  
21 company code are placards 1987, which is ethanol alcohol, and  
22 1086, which is vinyl chloride.

23 [08:30] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy.

24 \* \* \*

25 [10:25] 218. County, 2-18.

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-18.

2 218: The smoke that's all around us is liquefied  
3 petroleum, also known as propane. We have the engine still going  
4 which is also a, possibly a source of ignition.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Copy. Where's the  
6 staging area?

7 206: County, 2-0-6. The staging area can be Paulsboro  
8 Fire Hall.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, the fire hall. What  
10 street is that on, sir?

11 206: County, 206. The staging area can be Paulsboro  
12 Fire Hall.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right, the fire hall. What  
14 street is that on, sir?

15 206: That's Thomson Avenue and Swedesboro Avenue.

16 \* \* \*

17 1730: 2 cars, do you want Broad blocked as well at the  
18 bridge?

19 [11:27]

20 \* \* \*

21 [13:09] MRS. MARINO: Hello.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi. I was trying to reach  
23 Captain Marino.

24 MRS. MARINO: He is out running right now. Can I take  
25 a message for him?



1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sure. Hold on.

2           MALE SPEAKER: Please be advised Guardian Angels,  
3 they're making a request, they arranged to have the school closed  
4 down.

5           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To Male Speaker) Guardian  
6 Angels, they've been notified? Okay. Copy.

7           (To Mrs. Marino) Hi, I'm sorry to bother you.

8           MRS. MARINO: That's okay.

9           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Paulsboro Police Dispatch. We  
10 have a major incident, the bridge collapsed, Mantua Creek bridge.  
11 They're closing down all the elementary schools, the high school.  
12 They have a major derailment into the creek, unknown on fluids  
13 into the water. They believe it may be liquid potassium -- or  
14 petroleum, liquid petroleum.

15          MRS. MARINO: Petroleum.

16          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah.

17          MRS. MARINO: This is the Mantua Creek bridge, right?

18          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, the one that just started,  
19 it collapsed.

20          MRS. MARINO: Okay. I'll --

21          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They're calling for mutual aid  
22 and all.

23          MRS. MARINO: Okay. I'll actually go try to find him.

24          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thank you kindly.

25          MRS. MARINO: Thank you.

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Bye-bye.

2 MRS. MARINO: All right. Bye-bye.

3 (End of call.)

4 \* \* \*

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-0-6, do you want the  
6 refinery notified?

7 206: Copy that. I believe the county told me they did  
8 it (indiscernible) notification.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy that. Also be  
10 advised I notified 202's wife. She's going to try to get ahold of  
11 him.

12 206: Copy that. I appreciate it. Were you able to  
13 get in touch with the chief?

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I was notified to notify the  
15 captain. I'll will do the chief now.

16 [1435]

17 \* \* \*

18 [16:17] 1730: County, 17-30. I'm standing by over to Ace  
19 Pallet. I can -- I'll go here now and take care of that.

20 \* \* \*

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sarge, I'm getting questions on  
22 how are the officers going to reach Swedesboro in your town.

23 206: Okay, 206. South Delaware Street to New, make a  
24 left on New Street.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Copy.

1 MALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible), County, 206. I'm in  
2 the district now. Where do you need me?

3 \* \* \*

4 SARGE: 2-10, do you have somebody in the area of  
5 Delaware and (indiscernible).

6 210: Negative, not yet, Sarge. There's -- we got two  
7 people -- or, I'm sorry, one person on the east side evacuating,  
8 and then I just sent 8-13 over to Mantua Ave to start evacuating.

9 POLICE SERGEANT: Copy that.

10 \* \* \*

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Sarge, what's your 24 right now?

12 POLICE SERGEANT: Mantua and 7th Street, by -- behind  
13 the church.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Just hold up there a second. I  
15 want to try -- real quick.

16 [17:33]

17 \* \* \*

18 [17:37] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-0-6.

19 206: 2-0-6, County.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6, I tried to notify 2-0-1  
21 at his residence and cell, no answer.

22 218: County, 2-18.

23 206: Copy that County.

24 MALE SPEAKER: (indiscernible) fire department is  
25 responding with whatever we got.

1 [18:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: That's (indiscernible), sir.  
2 218: 2-18, Melvin Street now, coming your way.  
3 MALE SPEAKER: Copy. County, 2-18, notify the Coast  
4 Guard.  
5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.  
6 MALE SPEAKER: Copy, 218. If you haven't already,  
7 please (indiscernible).  
8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.  
9 (Dial tone; phone ringing.)  
10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To co-worker) For who? Yeah.  
11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Communications.  
12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, is the fire department  
13 responding?  
14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yep.  
15 [18:41] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. Great. Thank you.  
16 \* \* \*  
17 [19:54] 1730: County, 17-30.  
18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 17-30.  
19 1730: Can you start a squad out here, male with chest  
20 pains, difficulty breathing.  
21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Copy.  
22 1730: To Ace Pallet, Ace Pallet.  
23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: That's where you need to squad,  
24 at Ace Pallet? All right.  
25 17-30 needs an ambulance and medics at Ace Pallet.

1 [20:22] 1730: Affirm.

2 \* \* \*

3 [22:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: (To 1730) 17-30 needs an  
4 ambulance and medics at Ace Pallet?

5 1730: Affirm.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I need a squad -- I need an  
7 ambulance and medics for a man with chest pains at Ace Pallet.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Ace, A-c-e?

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. I don't have a  
12 chance to them. I'm sorry.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I'll try to get it in, Hon.

14 [22:15] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Thanks.

15 \* \* \*

16 [25:01] MALE SPEAKER: 2-18, what's your location right now?

17 218: Be advised (indiscernible) right now we're at  
18 **\*\* PII \*\*** residence making the hazmat (indiscernible). They put a  
19 boom out down right at the mouth of the river just in case for any  
20 spills. The fog you have is a non-toxic at this time. It might  
21 be a little hard breathing, but we try to keep everybody in their  
22 house. Conrail's also out here. They're going to do an  
23 inspection of the cars that didn't derail as far as they know.  
24 The chlorine cars are 27 back. They're the most dangerous.  
25 They're going to inspect them and try to get the out of here as

1 soon as possible.

2 MALE SPEAKER: Copy that. You said they're 27 cars  
3 back?

4 218: The most hazardous material is 27 cars back.  
5 They're going to go on the other side, check the tracks out, and  
6 try to get rid of them and then we can work with the other cars.  
7 You got like four in the water and three tipped over alongside the  
8 **\*\* PII \*\*** residence.

9 MALE SPEAKER: All right. Copy that, Chris. Thanks.

10 [25:59]

11 \* \* \*

12 [26:00] 206: County, 2-0-6.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-0-6.

14 206: Do me a favor and make notification to the  
15 schools that they're non-toxic and they can remain indoors, with  
16 the doors and windows closed.

17 [26:21]

18 \* \* \*

19 [32:13] CHIEF: Hello.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Hi, Captain. I mean,  
21 Chief, I'm sorry.

22 CHIEF: Yes.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Chief, hi. It's Pat from  
24 County.

25 CHIEF: Hi, Pat.

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Hi. Did you get any of  
2 the messages yet.

3           CHIEF: Yes.

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): We had a major derailment.

5           CHIEF: Yes. I'm actually just getting ready to get  
6 myself together and head on down.

7           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Okay. All right. 2-0-2,  
8 I notified his wife. He was out running. So --

9           CHIEF: Yeah, he's aware. He just called me now.

10          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Okay, great. Very good,  
11 sir.

12          CHIEF: So we are all notified.

13          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Okay, great.

14          CHIEF: Thanks, Pat.

15          EMERGENCY DISPATCHER (PAT): Not a problem. Bye-bye.

16 [32:40] CHIEF: Bye-bye.

17   \* \* \*

18 [33:17] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-0-6. Who's our  
19 staging officer, sir?

20          206: I don't know (indiscernible), County. 2-17,  
21 copy.

22          217: Affirm. Do you want me to head over there?

23          206: Yes, please. Just advise them (indiscernible) at  
24 this time right now it's going to be my location here, pretty much  
25 (indiscernible). That's where the staging, that's where the post,

1 command post.

2 217: Received. Do you want me at the fire hall or out  
3 there?

4 206: The fire hall. That's where I advised all the  
5 others to go.

6 [33:56]

7 \* \* \*

8 [45:40] 205: 8-0-8 from 2-0-5. District unit command, from 2-  
9 0-5.

10 808: 8-0-8, you calling?

11 205: Affirm. Go ahead notify your schools if they  
12 start getting any type of smell as far as what you want to do as  
13 far as closing them down. It's drifting this way, so we don't  
14 know how far it's going to go. I know we're already getting  
15 readings.

16 808: (Indiscernible)

17 [46:14]

18 \* \* \*

19 [47:40] 205: 2-0-5 to 2-0-2.

20 202: Captain, you're coming in all broken up.

21 205: Is Ouden and them out there with you?

22 202: I think he's at the fire hall right now if they  
23 can raise his (indiscernible)

24 205: Copy. (indiscernible) out here.

25 202: Captain, also I got Conrail and railroad security



1 also out.

2 [48:14]

3

\* \* \*

4 [48:32] MALE SPEAKER: (indiscernible) 17-30. We're down here  
5 by the bridge. This cloud is getting much thicker and coming  
6 towards us. Do we need to be concerned about this?

7 MALE SPEAKER 2: Stay in your cars. Stay your car,  
8 you'll be fine. It's non-hazardous. If anything, you'll get a  
9 little irritation in your eyes and nose. But if you stay in your  
10 cars with the windows up, it'll be a little better for you.

11 [48:54]

12

\* \* \*

13 [50:36] 814: 2-0-5 from 8-14.

14 205: Go ahead, 8-14.

15 814: Hey, Sarge, I heard you say earlier that this was  
16 non-toxic. You're telling everybody close by just stay indoors.  
17 Should we be locking my school down or closing it? Is there any  
18 change?

19 205: That's going to be up to you, contact your  
20 students. If you have someone at the school at this time, to they  
21 keep everything closed, they should be fine. They are getting  
22 readings at (indiscernible) research right, but nothing to be  
23 alarming. But maybe someone should monitor the schools.

24 814: Yeah, copy that. Because it's 8:00. I just got  
25 all my buses arriving now. I didn't know if anything changed.

1 [51:09]

2 \* \* \*

3 [01:02:14] 205: 2-05, 2-17.

4 217: 2-17.

5 205: We need somebody to go down MP Murphy and offices  
6 down that way and notify them along the river of this spill. We  
7 also want to try Duravon (ph.) Metal to put some booms out for us,  
8 but we definitely need to contact MP Murphy and also Kinkos.

9 217: Received. I only have one officer left. I'll  
10 send him that way.

11 [1:02:40]

12 \* \* \*

13 [01:03:37] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Communications.

14 202: 2-0-2.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, I'm sorry to bother you but  
16 listen.

17 202: That's all right.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: We're still getting hammered  
19 with calls from the news and the media.

20 202: Right.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Is there a phone number set up  
22 somewhere that they can call?

23 202: Right now they can contact -- I don't know if  
24 there's a phone number set up. Right now the command, they're  
25 going to go to Thomson Avenue firehouse for all media-related

1 questions.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Right.

3 202: Phone-related, I don't have any phone numbers  
4 right now set up for media calls.

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, because we're having  
6 residents call and, I mean, they're calling 911 and I have to --

7 202: Yeah, hold --

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- dispatch on them.

9 202: All right, hold on for one -- let me, let me grab  
10 (indiscernible) right here for OEM and see what he wants to do.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You want to call me back and let  
12 me know?

13 202: Yeah. Let me call you right back.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thank you.

15 202: All right.

16 [01:04:13] (End of call.)

17 \* \* \*

18 [01:10:32] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications. May I  
19 help you?

20 MR. TRAUGER: Yes. On this vinyl chloride spill, I  
21 worked 40 years with vinyl chloride.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Right. Uh-huh. Okay.

23 MR. TRAUGER: It will explode with static electricity.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

25 MR. TRAUGER: They have to worry about the surface

1 level of the ground because vinyl chloride is heavy and will set  
2 along the ground.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. And, sir, what's  
4 your name and number?

5 MR. TRAUGER: My name is **\*\* PII \*\*** r.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: **\*\* PII \*\***

7 MR. TRAUGER: Trauger, T-r-a-u-g-e-r.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: I'm sorry. A little slower.

9 MR. TRAUGER: Oh. **\*\* PII \*\*** T-r-a-u-g-e-r.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. What's your phone number,  
11 **\*\* PII \*\*** ?

12 MR. TRAUGER: 856 **\*\* PII \*\*** .

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. And you said you  
14 worked with this kind of stuff for how long?

15 MR. TRAUGER: I worked with vinyl chloride for over 40  
16 years.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. What county are you  
18 in?

19 MR. TRAUGER: Well, right now I'm in **\*\* PII \*\*** --

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

21 MR. TRAUGER: -- but I used to work at **\*\* PII \*\***  
22 Chemicals in **\*\* PII \*\*** .

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, sir. Can you hold on a  
24 minute please?

25 [01:11:30] MR. TRAUGER: Yeah.

1 \* \* \*

2 [01:13:02] FEMALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) I have the Coast Guard  
3 right in that now down by the water.

4 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, we're right here at -- down by the  
5 water.

6 [01:13:04] FEMALE SPEAKER: (indiscernible).

7 \* \* \*

8 [01:24:05] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. No, problem. Just  
9 advising, **\*\*PII\*\*** (ph.) from the FBI and another agent are en  
10 route to the scene.

11 [01:24:15] FEMALE SPEAKER: Received, County. Thank you.

12 (End of call.)

13 \* \* \*

14 [01:27:00] 1730: County, 1730. Where is the actual command post  
15 for our crew here?

16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. The command post is  
17 at the Paulsboro Fire Hall, Thomson Avenue and Swedesboro Avenue.

18 [01:27:12] 1730: Copy.

19 \* \* \*

20 [01:33:10] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 14-0-7, go ahead with your  
21 transmission, sir.

22 1407: All right. You can go ahead and declare  
23 (indiscernible) on location to the staging area at Paulsboro  
24 Firehouse. Tell them to assemble there (indiscernible) also  
25 sending them out from that location.

1 \* \* \*

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 14-0-7, contact 2-17 on  
3 the air. She's the staging officer.

4 [01:33:40] 1407: Will do.

5 \* \* \*

6 [01:43:21] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: County, 2-17.

7 217: 2-17.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-17, do you still need Glen  
9 Ridge closed at Paradise?

10 217: And we still have DOT going out holding down all  
11 of 295 off ramp, so I would say, yes, keep it closed.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 2-17, 2-0-6 just reopened all  
13 the exits at 295 north and southbound, 17 and 18.

14 217: I'll call you back in a minute. I can't talk.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay, bye.

16 217: No, no, no. No, my phone's blowing up because  
17 everybody knows.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah.

19 217: Okay. I didn't hear that come out over the  
20 radio.

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, it did.

22 217: They have two command posts, which is very  
23 confusing for everybody, because they're all coming here and I  
24 have to send them all over there. So I don't know. Is that what  
25 he said?

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, that's what he said.

2 217: Then you need to ask him because --

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. I'll ask him.

4 217: -- because the Department of Transportation came  
5 out here, and I sent them with the state police down to go shut  
6 off the road.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah, we let state police go  
8 from 17 and 18 north and south, per him, and the sheriff's  
9 department that was blocking 44, I believe.

10 217: Uh-huh.

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And District 4 went back, West  
12 Deptford went back on their end, returned.

13 217: Yeah.

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: As per 2-0-2, residents can  
15 return to their homes.

16 217: Yes. Yeah, we've been telling people that.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. I'll ask him if Mantua --  
18 if the black bridge can be reopened or not.

19 217: Okay.

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right?

21 217: All right.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Can you hear us okay?

23 [01:45:00] 217: Yeah, I can hear you fine.

24 \* \* \*

25 [01:53:21] 1730: 17-30 to staging.

1 STAGING: 17-30.

2 1730: My post said 7th and Mantua is being relieved by  
3 ERT. Report back to staging or?

4 217: 2-0-6 from 2-17, CI en route to you.

5 [01:53:52] 206: 2-0-6, copy.

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7 [02:03:27] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

8 SARGE: Hey.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hey.

10 SARGE: Can you do me a favor?

11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yes.

12 SARGE: As per the captain, since things are a little  
13 on a low key right now --

14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah.

15 SARGE: -- reach out to the schools and advise them to  
16 release.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Release the children and staff?

18 SARGE: Yeah. Tell them to go home.

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

20 SARGE: All right. (Indiscernible)

21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. I'll call all the  
22 schools.

23 SARGE: Yes.

24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

25 SARGE: Thank you.



1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're welcome. Actually, you  
2 know what, **\*\*PII\*\*** can notify the high school and --

3 SARGE: Oh, yeah. If you just reach out to him,  
4 he'll --

5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: But I've got to call Guardian  
6 Angels myself, right?

7 SARGE: Yeah, probably.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. No problem.

9 SARGE: Yes, that's outside.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Very good, Sarge. Thanks.

11 SARGE: Hey, thank you.

12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No problem, bye-bye.

13 [02:04:09]

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15 **Zone 6 & Deptford: 0700 - 1200**

16 [00:00] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 5-1-8-2 from County.

17 5182: Go ahead.

18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Paulsboro is requesting mutual  
19 aid. Any available units. They have a train derailment, hazardous  
20 material spills. They're going to need to start evacuating houses  
21 and need help if you have anybody available.

22 [00:031}

23 \* \* \*

24 [01:00] 5239: County from 5-2-3-9. Where do they want me to  
25 go?

1           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: They're trying to establish a  
2 staging area now. Just give us a second.

3                           \* \* \*

4           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Attention all cars and stations  
5 on Zone 6, is anybody available for mutual aid for District 2,  
6 Paulsboro? They have a train derailment. They're requesting  
7 assistance if possible.

8 [01:47]     1530: 15-30 copy.

9                           \* \* \*

10 [01:52]    EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 15-30, you're going to report to  
11 the Paulsboro Fire Company.

12           MALE SPEAKER: Hey, Sarge, if you want, you can call in  
13 a couple of guys and send two or three over there. Also if you  
14 want to get ahold of Davino (ph.), he's available.

15           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Received.

16                           \* \* \*

17           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: 15-30, it's going to Thomson  
18 Avenue and Swedesboro Road.

19 [02:27]     1530: Copy.

20                           \* \* \*

21 [05:26]     240: My internet in my car's not working so --

22           EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay. There's Swedesboro.  
23 Okay. Your best bet -- I don't know exactly where the derailment  
24 is. Are you going to come in from 295?

25           240: No, I was going to take King's Highway all the

1 way down into -- across the bridge.

2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: King's Highway. All right.

3 Yeah, if you come in from the truck stop then -- you know where  
4 that is, right? You're going to come in, make the right on, what  
5 is that, Berkeley, running out to the truck stop?

6 240: Yeah.

7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Go over, go over 295, which is  
8 Delaware Avenue.

9 240: Okay.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And then you're going to come up  
11 to Swedesboro. Delaware and Swedesboro intersect. It looks like  
12 if you make a left on Swedesboro, Thomson's right there.  
13 Swedesboro and Thomson is where the firehouse is.

14 240: Perfect. Thank you.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay?

16 240: Yep.

17 [06:35] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

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19 [23:38] SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Loudenslager. How can I help you?

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hi, it's Paulsboro PD. How are  
21 you?

22 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Good.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: We need to shut down the school.

24 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Okay.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Billingsport was notified, also

1 the high school. We had a train derailment.

2 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Are we sending kids home or are we --

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: No. We're just locking down for  
4 right now.

5 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Locking down. Okay.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Thank you.

7 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Thank you.

8 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right. Bye-bye.

9 [02:23:56] SCHOOL EMPLOYEE: Bye-bye.

10 \* \* \*

11 [24:34] EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Police Communications.

12 5239: Yeah, it's 52-39.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: How you doing?

14 5239: Do we have an address for the Paulsboro Police  
15 Depart -- or I mean Fire Department? Because whatever --  
16 Swedesboro and Thomson, that ain't working out.

17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: It's one block up. Are you on  
18 Delaware?

19 5239: I'm Broad and Delaware, right?

20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're Broad and Delaware right  
21 now?

22 5239: I'm Ladner and Swedesboro right now.

23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Hold on. I'm looking at the  
24 map. I see Swedesboro. What's your cross on Swedesboro?

25 5239: Ladner.

1 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Ladner.

2 5239: Well, I'm probably in Washington Township now,  
3 so --

4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: It's right after -- it's right  
5 at the end -- if you're on Swedesboro, which is one way, it's  
6 right off -- wherever Delaware and Swedesboro and Broad all come  
7 together --

8 5239: Uh-huh.

9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- if you get on Swedesboro from  
10 there, it's one or two blocks up. You'll hit Thomson and then  
11 you'll hit New. It's right on that block.

12 5239: Thomson and New?

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Yeah. Thomson and New don't  
14 intersect but Thomson intersects with Swedesboro and then the next  
15 street up on Swedesboro is New, and it's right between the two of  
16 them.

17 5239: I think these two are going the wrong way now.  
18 Oh, man, this is --

19 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Which way did you come in? Did  
20 you come in from 44?

21 5239: No, I came in from Berkeley Road.

22 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Berkeley Road turns into  
23 Delaware. If you go Delaware towards the river.

24 5239: I'm going towards the bridge right now on Broad.

25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: You're on Broad going towards

1 the bridge towards West Deptford.

2 5239: Yes.

3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: As soon as you hit Delaware,  
4 make a right.

5 5239: Okay.

6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: And then as soon as you make  
7 that right, Swedesboro branches off to the right. It's like a  
8 three-point intersection. So --

9 5239: Okay.

10 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: -- take that right and then it  
11 should be two blocks up.

12 5239: Okay.

13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: Okay.

14 5239: All right.

15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER: All right.

16 5239: See you.

17 [26:35]

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