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RE: Disaster Training Video

The production of a new disaster training video has begun, making the video the second produced by Champaign Residential Services, Inc. (CRSI). The Agency produced a fire training video in 2003 that has been distributed across Ohio and the U.S.

The film was shot at Oakwood Meadows in London where services are provided by CRSI. The home is an ICF/MR (intermediate care facility for mental retardation) and consumers and staff participated in the filming handled by Mills James Productions of Columbus. The script was written and edited by CRSI staff, ODMRDD officials and Mills James staff.

The disaster training video currently in production meets training requirements set by the Ohio department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (ODMRDD), requiring that each employee and each consumer served by providers such as CRSI be trained in disaster preparation, according to Mark Schlater, Chief Operations Officer for CRSI. The ODMRDD mandates that all employees be trained upon hire and annually thereafter. "The film will help to serve that need which has become much more of a focus since the recent natural disasters and terrorist threats," says Schlater.

The video is due out sometime in early 2006.

**In the photo, consumers practice a scene where they depict one of the safest areas to be in case of a threatening storm...the bathroom. Shown L-R are: Robert Hubble, Karen Dubbs, Mills James staff in rear, Diantha Brown of CRSI and Lynn Jenkins.**

