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Public Hazard/ Hazmat Incident

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On August 2, 2009, at approximately 4:50 a.m., deputies from the Foothills District responded to a public hazard in the 2800 blk. of West Magee Road. The homeowners had attempted to exit the residence when they observed and smelled an odor. Upon arrival, deputies found several inches of liquid in the front yard of an address. They also observed what they believed to be chlorine tablets throughout the yard covered by an unknown liquid. The liquid (chemical) had created a large cloud of gas over the area which deputies could see was moving in a west and southwest direction. Northwest Fire District's Hazmat Team along with several fire units responded to assist in determining the substance.

At 6:00 a.m. this morning, the Pima County Sheriff's Department put out a warning to residents to remain in their homes if they were in the areas of: Shannon Road to the east; Cortaro Farms Road to the west; Overton Road to the north; and Ina Road to the south. Currently, the Pima County Sheriff's Department is urging residents in this area to refrain from outdoor activities.

At this time, the Hazmat Team is still attempting to verify the seriousness of the situation. Updates will be provided as they are discovered.

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