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07/30/2013 – Police Headquarters received a 911 call from the Bergen County Jewish Community Center at 1519 hours reporting a possible hazardous materials incident with exposures to a possible high level of chlorine in the pool area. Township of Washington Police and Fire Department, Bergen County Haz Mat and Paramus Haz Mat services were dispatched along with Paramedics from Valley Hospital and Hackensack North Hospital as well as ambulance services from Hillsdale, Ridgewood, Tri-Boro, Closter, Hackensack North Hospital Ambulance, Valley Hospital Ambulance. The building was evacuated. Twelve juveniles and three adults were treated at the scene and transported to various local hospitals including Hackensack University Medical Center, Valley Hospital, Hackensack Hospital North and St. Joseph's Hospital. The incident was limited to the pool area of the building and was related to common pool treatment chemicals. The building will remain closed however, subject to inspection by the Township of Washington Health Department.

Police Chief Randy Ciocco would like to point out the hard work and rapid response of all the responding emergency services to this and so many other incidents. Through fluid communication, cooperation and common goals shared between the Township of Washington Police and Fire Department and all the emergency services, emergencies such as this one are quickly tackled through a professional and diligent response.

The Township of Washington is located in the northern portion of Bergen County, which is in the far northeastern corner of New Jersey, 15 miles northwest of New York City. The Washington Twp. Police Department was established by ordinance in April 1934, and expanded, along with the town, in the 1950's. Presently, the Township of Washington has approximately 10,000 residents who are protected by 21 full-time sworn police officers, under the direction of Police Chief Randy Ciocco. *Community policing initiatives and educational outreach throughout the community are among the top priorities for the department's organizational focus.*