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Chlorine leak response exercises take place in Syktyvkar



Special tactical exercises on response to emission of dangerous substances in an accident in chemical production enterprise were held today in the town of Syktyvkar. According to the scenario, a pipeline got depressurized during loading and about 100 cubic kilos of chlorine was emitted.

The rescue service got a call at 01:00 PM. All emergency services of the town immediately set off: fire and rescue crews, ambulance, police. Administration organized evacuation of workers.

The scenario was made more complicated: the emission endangered not only facilities of the housing and communal services, but other buildings in Ezhvinsky district, which was on the way of the cloud of chlorine. This forced evacuation of the Bumazhnik stadium and the preventive clinic of the timber processing complex. The firefighters and rescuers had a hard task of finding and saving the injured in the dangerous contamination zone. According to the scenario 2 people were poisoned and stayed in the poisoned area. For reconnaissance the firefighters put on special protection suits allowing working in chemically aggressive environment. The rescuers of Syktyvkar branch of Northwestern regional search-and-rescue team carried out reconnaissance in light protection suits L-1, designed for operations in the areas of radiation and chemical contamination.

The firefighters and rescuers solved their tasks.