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MEDIA RELEASE

Message from Sheriff John D. Idleburg Regarding the Waukegan Explosion

“In just the past eight days, we’ve seen two major emergency responses to extremely volatile, chaotic situations. Last week hundreds of Lake County first-responders answered the call in Beach Park, where we worked together to keep the community safe from a major chemical leak.

Yesterday, we saw our first-responders again come together with the building explosion in Waukegan. Our first-responders again answered the call, putting themselves in danger, to help rescue victims involved in the explosion.

I continue to be so very proud of our sheriff’s deputies, local police officers, firefighters, and paramedics. Lake County has a truly dedicated and professional group of first-responders serving them.

I along with the staff of the Lake County Sheriff’s Office are very hopeful the three missing workers at the chemical plant are located alive, and all of those injured have a fast recovery. The City of Waukegan has the full support of the Lake County Sheriff’s Office, as they continue search-and-rescue operations, and their investigation.”

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