

**Weekly Wire – Friday, April 24, 2026**

## **Hospitals Mobilize Swiftly in Response to Chemical Spill Emergency**

Following a chemical spill in Institute, hospitals across Kanawha County sprang into action, mobilizing within minutes to care for contaminated workers and first responders. Emergency teams quickly set up decontamination tents, activated command centers, and prepared for dozens of patients, showing just how vital preparation and teamwork are in emergencies.

From physicians and nurses to respiratory therapists and support staff, there was one shared mission: deliver fast, effective care. In many cases, traditional roles were set aside as teams worked side by side to meet the urgent needs of their community.

“There was no hierarchy — everyone was the same,” one nurse shared, highlighting the unity that made this response so effective.

While the response was swift and coordinated, it also came with an emotional toll, reminding us that behind every emergency response are real people carrying the weight of these moments long after their shift ends.

Our thoughts remain with the victims, their families, and all those affected. And today, we recognize the extraordinary dedication of hospital teams who stand ready when it matters most.

Read more: <https://wchstv.com/news/local/chemical-spill-in-institute-triggers-countywide-hospital-mobilization-decon-tents-deployed-quickly>