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Howard County Invites Community to Personal Preparedness Public Safety Expo

“Community Readiness Week” – November 1-7

ELLCOTT CITY, MD – Howard County’s Department of Fire & Rescue Services will kick off the County’s “Community Readiness Week” with a Personal Preparedness Public Safety Expo on Saturday, November 1 from 9 am to 4 pm at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive in Marriottsville. The event is free and open to the public.

“Community Readiness Week,” runs from November 1 to 7 and focuses on the importance of both individual and family preparedness.

The Expo features demonstrations, exhibits, hands-on activities and giveaways to help the community learn how to be better prepared in times of disaster. There will be information for pet owners on how to prepare for an emergency evacuation and instructions on preparing a home emergency kit. Parents can watch their children dial 9-1-1 on a simulated system and see if they can answer simple questions posed by a 9-1-1 operator. There will also be a weather alert giveaway while supplies last. There will be demonstrations by the Police Department’s SWAT and Canine teams.

Representatives from the Community Emergency Response Network (CERN) will be on hand with information on opportunities available to those who wish to serve as community volunteers during emergencies. There will also be a display of emergency vehicles including the Command Vehicle, Police helicopter, and tours of the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center.

Also on hand: the Departments of Health, Public Works, Corrections, Citizen Services and the Bureaus of Animal Control and Communications (9-1-1). Meet members of organizations that support and help manage disasters: Howard County’s Civil Air Patrol, RACES, CERN, Maryland National Guard, the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, along with representatives of FEMA and MEMA. For more information about the Expo, call 410-313-2036.

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