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## September is Emergency Preparedness Month

**Westminster, MD, Thursday, August 30, 2018** – Today, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners proclaimed September as Carroll County Preparedness Month. September is also Maryland Preparedness Month and National Preparedness Month, and government agencies, businesses, community groups, schools and families will be participating in events to help promote disaster preparedness.

Hazards common to Carroll County include flooding, high wind, severe thunderstorms and winter storms. The Atlantic hurricane season runs through November, and our area can experience effects from tropical weather throughout the fall months.

Making preparations when threats are not imminent can make communities more resilient. One way to prepare is to attend the 13th Annual Carroll County Emergency Preparedness Expo, where information about how to get ready for these hazards and other emergencies will be available. The Expo will take place on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm at the County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street in Westminster.

“It is never too early to prepare for an emergency,” Board of County Commissioners President Dennis Frazier noted. “Carroll County offers a lot of support to help residents and attending the expo on September 22<sup>nd</sup> is a great opportunity to view those resources.”

Several online sources providing good emergency preparedness information include:

- [MEMA](http://mema.maryland.gov): <http://mema.maryland.gov>
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](http://www.ready.gov): <http://www.ready.gov>
- [National Weather Service](http://www.weather.gov/safety): <http://www.weather.gov/safety>

Additional information can also be found in the [Are You Ready? Citizen's Guide to Emergency Preparedness](#), and on the [Carroll County Emergency Management website](#).

Today's open session will be available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#). In addition, all meetings will be broadcast live and replayed on Comcast Channel 24.

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The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 or email [ada@cgc.carr.org](mailto:ada@cgc.carr.org) as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.