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September is Carroll County Preparedness Month

Carroll County Asks Residents to Take Action Now to Prepare for Emergencies, Disasters, and Hurricanes

Westminster, MD (**September 6, 2017**) — As Texas begins to recover from Hurricane Harvey, Carroll County Emergency Management reminds Carroll County residents that September is a good time to review preparedness information for severe weather, including hurricanes, and other emergencies throughout the year. September is Carroll County Preparedness Month, 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.

“We have all seen the effects Hurricane Harvey has had on the residents of Texas,” Board of County Commissioners President Richard Weaver noted. “Now is a good time to make sure you and your family are ready for emergencies and disasters.”

Making preparations when threats are not imminent can make communities more resilient. Hazards common to Carroll County include flooding, high wind, severe thunderstorms and winter storms. We are also in the middle of the Atlantic hurricane season right now. One way to prepare is to attend the 12th 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 23 from 10 am – 2 pm at the County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street in Westminster.

Several online sources provide good emergency preparedness information for these and additional threats:

- MEMA: <http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/typesofemergencies.aspx>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.ready.gov>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.weather.gov/safety>

Additional information can be found on the [Carroll County Emergency Management website](#) and the [MEMA website](#).

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