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NEWS RELEASE

Department of Public Health to Host 2017 Community Preparedness Expo

Event helps residents develop an emergency plan for all types of disasters

EI PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health and emergency response partners invite the community to celebrate “National Preparedness Month” by participating in the 2017 Community Preparedness Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the El Paso Convention Center.

The free educational and family-friendly event provides information on how to prepare, respond and cope with unexpected community emergencies and disasters. The event allows visitors to get a first-hand look at emergency response units from the El Paso Fire Department, Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Management, and many other agencies (great phot opportunities for children).

“In the aftermath of recent Hurricane Harvey, we are reminded of the importance of being prepared for an emergency,” said Department of Public Health Director Robert Resendes. “While we can’t predict unforeseen emergencies and disasters, we can have an emergency plan in place.”

In addition, the expo will include workshops, hands-on displays, dozens of informational booths and demonstrations from a variety of organizations.

As part of National Preparedness Month, which is recognized in September, the event is co-sponsored by the El Paso City-County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the El Paso Fire Department.

The Community Preparedness Expo is free and open to the public. For more information call the Department of Public Health at (915) 212-6524 or visit www.EPHealth.com.

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