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Carroll County Asks Residents to Take Action Now to Prepare September is Carroll County Preparedness Month

Westminster, MD (**September 1, 2016**) — Carroll County Emergency Management reminds Carroll County residents that September is a good time to review preparedness information for severe weather and other emergencies that occur 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.

“Events like the recent severe flooding in Ellicott City should be a reminder to all of us that disasters can happen anywhere and at any time,” Board of County Commissioners President Stephen Wantz noted. “This is the most likely time of the year for tropical weather to affect Carroll County. Don’t wait until a disaster is on your doorstep to start preparing.”

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. One way to prepare is to attend the 11th 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 24 from 10 am – 2 pm at the County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street in Westminster.

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

- [MEMA](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)

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

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