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OHIO EMA AND PARTNERS HOST OPEN HOUSE DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Columbus, OH – The Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Ohio Emergency Management Agency and its National Preparedness Month partners are hosting an open house on September 29 at the State Emergency Operations Center/Joint Dispatch Facility (State EOC/JDF). Emergency responders, neighboring communities and local media are invited to the State EOC/JDF to tour the facility, see where the management of state emergencies take place, and participate in a variety of activities that promote emergency preparedness.

Ohio EMA’s open house is one of numerous events that is taking place throughout the state during National Preparedness Month. This year’s theme is “Are you ready? Or, Are You Ready?” which is focusing on changing America’s perception about emergency preparedness and helping people understand what it truly means to be ready for any disaster or emergency.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 29
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHO: ODPS – Ohio Emergency Management Agency
ODPS – Ohio Emergency Medical Service
ODPS – Ohio Homeland Security
ODPS – Ohio State Highway Patrol, District 6
Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Communications
Ohio Department of Transportation - Communications
American Red Cross, Greater Columbus Chapter
Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)
FirstLink
Ohio Community Service Council – Ohio Citizen Corps

WHERE: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
State Emergency Operations Center/Joint Dispatch Facility
2855 West Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Activities include: State EOC/JDF tours; demonstrations from COTA and CPD bomb-detection dogs; participation in tornado drills; organizing basic emergency supply kits; NPM partners’ communications vehicles, including OSHP helicopter and command vehicle on display; special appearance of State Highway Patrol’s mascot, Teddy Trooper.

For additional information on NPM 2009 and the Ready campaign, visit www.ready.ohio.gov and www.ready.gov.

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