



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Emergency Management Agency**

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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](http://www.ready.ohio.gov) and [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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