



## July 2016 Issue

### Domestic Terrorism: Our Nation Mourns



Sadly, American flags fly half-staff again outside government buildings following a deadly mass shooting incident. The Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP) joins all Americans to offer sincere gratitude to the five slain Dallas police officer heroes killed on July 7 during the sniper attack. Condolences and prayers are offered to their families. Seven other police officers were wounded. A speedy recovery is wished for them. The sniper attack occurred at the end of a peaceful protest. The shooting was the deadliest single incident attack on law enforcement since 911.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness urges citizens to stay vigilant at all times. Domestic and foreign terrorism events are on the rise. Be sure to take notice where exits are located in public buildings and have a plan to escape. In partnership with law enforcement agencies, SCOP offers “Active Shooter Awareness” training for citizens. To schedule a class, please visit: [www.staysafeshelby.us](http://www.staysafeshelby.us) or call 901.222.6700. With your family, please view the YouTube video, “Run, Hide, Fight – Surviving an Active Shooter Event,” at <https://youtu.be/5VcSwejU2D0>.

**Caption:** Flag at half-staff on the Shelby County East campus in honor of the fallen heroes.

### EOC Activated for Protests

In the aftermath of the mass Dallas shooting, peaceful protests continue nationally and now locally. The Shelby County Office of Preparedness remains on high alert to help ensure all citizens remain safe.



**Captions:** Left: Citizens gather on A. W. Willis Bridge. Right: I-40 Bridge blocked during protest.

The Shelby County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was partially activated on July 9 in anticipation of the large crowds expected downtown for the “Black Lives Matter” protests. On July 10 more than 1,000 citizens occupied the I-40 Bridge bringing traffic to a standstill during a tense, but ultimately peaceful protest.

## SCOP Participates in Earthquake Drill



**Captions:** Left: Military convoy fills SCOP parking lot. Center: SCOP Director Lane, left, views the tactical display. Right: Lakota helicopter lands on the Shelby County East campus.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP) participated in the **Tennessee Maneuvers 2016 (TNMAN)** exercise in partnership with the Tennessee Air and Army National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Transportation Security Agency, and other agencies from June 20 – 23. The scenario was a “34 second, 6.5 magnitude earthquake on the southwestern segment of the New Madrid Seismic Zone - with reports of obstructed roadways and widespread damage to numerous structures throughout Shelby County.” A command center was established at Memphis International Airport as the 164<sup>th</sup> Memphis Air National Guard base performed medical triage on mock casualty volunteers. The SCOP served as a point of distribution (POD). Dale Lane, SCOP Director, said, “The missions of this exercise included mass casualty evacuations and triage, establishing PODS, damage assessment, creating an alternative emergency operations center, and communications. We’re testing our emergency plans by working side by side with state, civil, and military partners. A drill is the best way to determine if we are duplicating efforts.”

Jane Waldrop, TEMA West Regional Director added, “In a disaster, TEMA coordinates resources. POD’s may be set up in several areas of the county to distribute items such as medications, food, water, first-aid, tarps, or sandbags. TNMAN is a great example of all agencies working together.”

TNMAN 2016 is the largest statewide emergency exercise by the Tennessee National Guard.



**Captions:** Left: Director Lane thanks the military police and guardsmen. Center: POD items for a guardsman’s young son. Right: TEMA’s Jane Waldrop and Erin Meier at the TNMAN drill with Director Lane.

## Arlington Thanks First Responders

During the June Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) meeting, Jim McMillen, Arlington Assistant Fire Chief, expressed his gratitude to the Shelby County Office of Preparedness and other emergency agencies who responded during the June 3 Arlington rain event. After 3 inches of rain fell in about an hour, parking lots, businesses and homes were flooded. The flash flood event ended quickly and no injuries were reported. Chief McMillen said, "It was a most unusual event. Citizens who have lived in Arlington for over 20 years had flood waters in their home. Thank you all for your quick response and offer of resources."



**Caption:** Flash flooding in Arlington June 3, 2016.

## Ham Radio Update

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP) staff and reserves participated in the ARRL Ham Radio National Field Day, June 25 and 26, on the Germantown Charity Horse Show grounds. The event drew ham radio clubs and government agencies to a campground to communicate via amateur



**Captions:** Left: National Field Day. Right: SCOP Mobile Emergency Operations Center.

radios for 24 hours. Participants included the Germantown Fire Department, Tennessee Task Force One, Federal Express, Air Force MARS, American Red Cross, U.S. Coast Guard, Tri State Repeater, Delta Club, ARES Club, and Neshoba Club. Although the ham operators noted "poor propagation," they still logged over 1,200 contacts during the event. As the saying goes, "when all else fails, ham radio works!"

**Check-In!** All licensed ham radio operators are welcome to check in to the SCOPERNET, every Monday at 6:00 p.m., 147.09 repeater, tone 107.2. Ned Savage is net control. The net is also activated during weather warnings.

## Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved

The **Shelby County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** has been approved and is in compliance with the Federal Hazard Unincorporated Shelby County, Memphis, Millington, Arlington and potential hazards creating a decisions to protect lives and strategies to reduce Shelby disasters such as flooding and approves mitigation plans which are receive disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects.



The plan includes Bartlett, Germantown, Lakeland, Collierville to identify hazards and framework to aid officials making property. The plan includes long-term County's vulnerability to natural earthquakes. FEMA reviews and required for states and communities to

## Move Over Law



Citizens are encouraged to watch out for the safety of emergency vehicles while driving. The "Move Over Law" requires motorists to **move over** to an adjacent lane of traffic, when safe to do so, or slow down for emergency vehicles. The law provides a safety zone to protect our emergency personnel. Tennessee is the 30th state to

implement the law. For more information, please visit: [www.tn.gov/safety/article/moveovermains](http://www.tn.gov/safety/article/moveovermains).

## July do1thing: Family Communication Plan



Disasters change things. Devices we communicate with every day may not work in an emergency. Cell phone towers can overload with people trying to reach family members and friends. If the power is out, cordless phones, internet, and email will not work. Create a communications plan for your family today. To prepare, have a corded

home phone and a car cell phone charger. Program family cell phones with "ICE" (in case of emergency) numbers. Purchase a set of family radios. Designate an out-of-town relative to check in with if you get separated from family. For more preparedness monthly tips, visit: [www.do1thing.com](http://www.do1thing.com)

## Inclement Weather / Outages



- June 15:** Severe thunderstorm warning. 53,000 without power.
- June 16:** Excessive heat warning. 12,822 without power. Traffic lights out. Trees reported down. Memphis cooling centers opened.
- June 17, 23, 24, 25, 26; July 7, 8:** Heat Advisory. Memphis cooling center opened.
- June 27:** Flash flood warning. 3,652 without power.
- June 28:** Special weather statement. 1,458 without power.
- July 4:** Flood advisory. 3,050 without power.
- July 9:** Flash flood warning.
- July 10:** 19,000 without power (Arlington and Lakeland) due to a fire at the substation on Highway 70.

**Caption:** Storms roll through downtown Memphis on June 15.

## Mississippi River at Memphis



The National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service reports that the Mississippi River at Memphis stage is 15.69 feet and falling on July 14, 2016. Flood stage is 34 feet.

Please visit [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) for the latest river stage and weather information.

**Caption:** The Mississippi River at Memphis at Mud Island July 14.

### Volunteer!

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness has openings for their Reserve Program. Reserves assist in outreach, assist in the Emergency Operations Center, and assist with communications as ham radio operators. No experience is required. Applicants must be 21 years old, have a valid driver's license, and pass a background check. Reserves must volunteer 4 hours a month, to include a monthly meeting. **The next recruit class is on July 30.** Applications are on [www.staysafeshelby.us](http://www.staysafeshelby.us) or please email Reserve Program Coordinator, Shelby Logan, at [Shelby.logan@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:Shelby.logan@shelbycountyttn.gov). Join us!

### Emergency Operation Center Activations

The **Shelby County Office of Preparedness** is at a Level 5, normal operations. The **Tennessee Emergency Management Agency** is at a Level 3, state of emergency, due to severe storms and flooding in Middle and East Tennessee, as of July 14, 2016.

### Resources

#### Apps: ReadyTN

[www.tnema.org](http://www.tnema.org)



#### FEMA

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)



#### American Red Cross

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



#### NOAA Weather

[www.mobileweather.gov](http://www.mobileweather.gov)



#### TDOT SmartWay

[www.m.tdot.tn.gov](http://www.m.tdot.tn.gov)



**Shelby County:** [www.shelbycountyttn.gov](http://www.shelbycountyttn.gov)

**Shelby County Office of Preparedness:** [www.staysafeshelby.us](http://www.staysafeshelby.us), 901.222.6700



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- Shelby County Citizen Corps: email [citizencorps@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:citizencorps@shelbycountyttn.gov)
- Community Emergency Response Team: email [eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov)
- Shelby Cares: email [terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov)
- Storm Shelter Registry: email [kimberlyn.bouler@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:kimberlyn.bouler@shelbycountyttn.gov)
- Reserve Program: email [shelby.logan@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:shelby.logan@shelbycountyttn.gov)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency:** [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**Tennessee Emergency Management Agency:** [www.tema.org](http://www.tema.org)

**EMERGENCY: Call 911**

