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Shelby County Office of Preparedness Outreach:

Villages of Bennington Festival



Photo Captions: Left: Eugene Jones, Shelby County Office of Preparedness, and Cheyenne Jones, visit with citizens Janice Vanderhaar and Dale Blum. Right: Citizen Corps / CERT trailer and Shelby County Fire Department vehicles on display at the event. Photos by Steve Shular, PIO.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP) staff and members of the Shelby County Fire Department were delighted to join other agencies to meet the citizens at the Villages of Bennington Festival on Saturday, June 6, 2015, in South East Memphis.

Israel Festival



Photo Caption: Left to right standing: SCOP Officers Patrina Chambers, Terry Donald, and Eugene Jones, sitting, Cheyenne Jones. Photo by Shelby Logan, SCOP Officer.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP) staff joined in the fun and fellowship at the Friends of Israel's 8th Annual Festival, Sunday, June 7, 2015, at Audubon Park in Memphis. In the midst of live music, a falafel eating contest, a petting zoo, a climbing wall, camel rides, and the Israeli dancers, the SCOP staff was on hand to meet hundreds of citizens and hand out preparedness brochures.

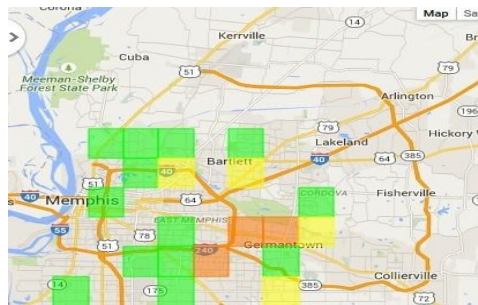
SCOP Director Dale Lane and his staff are happy to come out to your neighborhood event to meet you. To arrange a preparedness presentation or a display, please call the agency at 901.222.6700.

TDOT Signage



Good advice from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)!

Weather Events / Outages



Cell Phone: **June 6:** Sprint customers had cell phone disruptions due to a cut fiber cable.

National Weather Service (NWS) in Memphis: **June 8:** Severe Thunderstorm Watch issued, upgraded to a Severe Thunderstorm Warning.

Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW):

June 5: More than 1,000 customers in Frayser were without power.

June 7: A massive power outage affecting more than 12,000 from Whitehaven to Germantown. “The outage was a result of an equipment installation at a substation Sunday afternoon,” said MLGW. “It impacted several water pumping stations, which affected water pressure service in some areas.” Some intersections signal lights were out, creating a 4-way stop for motorists.

June 8: At 14:30, MLGW outage map showed 92 outages or 10,417 customers without power. More than 5,000 citizens were without power in Germantown and East Memphis.

June 9: 2,500 citizens were without power.

June 16: More than 300 outages were reported in Midtown Memphis in the morning hours.

To check the NWS forecast, visit: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/>. To report a utility emergency, call MLGW at 901.528.4465. To report outages, call 901.544.6500. To check the MLGW outage map, visit: www.mlgw.com/residential/outagemap. The Office of Preparedness reminds citizens to stay ahead of the weather with an ALERTFM and a NOAA all-hazards radio with battery back-up and tone alert.

Ham Radio Check In

All licensed amateur “ham” radio operators are invited to check-in to the SCOPERNET (Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Reserve Net), Mondays, 6:00 p.m, 147.09 repeater, tone 107.2. The net is activated during weather warnings as well.

Preparedness Training

Mobilizing Faith-Based Organizations: June 25, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Desoto County EOC, Nesbit, MS. www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2015-06-25-mgt405-nesbit-ms-001/.

Amateur Ham Radio: Technician License class, Thursdays, July 9 to August 13, 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at 6972 Appling Farms. FREE! Exam is \$15. Manual is \$45. To register: please email Joe Lowenthal at wa4ovo@gmail.com.

Visit www.staysafeshelby.us to sign up for these FREE preparedness classes:

- Mass Prophy Preparedness Planning, July 28 and 29, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing, August 11 and 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sports and Special Event Incident, August 26 and 27, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Preparedness Resources

Shelby County Office of Preparedness: www.staysafeshelby.us, 901.222.6700.

- Citizen Corps: citizencorps@shelbycountyttn.gov
- Community Emergency Response Team: email eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov.
- Shelby Cares Faith-Based Sheltering: email terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov.
- Storm Shelter Registry: email kimberlyn.bouler@shelbycountyttn.gov

Shelby County: www.shelbycountyttn.gov.

- Shelby County Medical Reserve Corps: www.shelbycountymrc.org.
- Shelby County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program: www.schdresponse.com

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): www.fema.gov.

National Weather Service (NWS): www.weather.gov, NWS in Memphis: 901.544.0399.

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA): www.tnema.gov.

EMERGENCY: Call 911

Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

On June 19, 2015, the Shelby County Office of Preparedness and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency emergency operation centers remain at Level 5, “Normal Operations.”