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Shelby County Office of Preparedness Accreditation Ceremony This Week

A ceremony to commemorate the Shelby County Office of Preparedness being a nationally accredited emergency management agency will be held this Friday, June 2nd, 10 a.m., at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center, 1075 Mullins Station Road.

A host of dignitaries will join Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. and Shelby County Office of Preparedness Director Dale Lane at the event.

“We’re proud the Shelby County Office of Preparedness is now part of an elite group of emergency management agencies across the nation by receiving accreditation from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program,” says Mayor Luttrell.

Accredited agencies must be in compliance with planning, resource management, training exercises, evaluations, corrective actions, communications, warnings and other emergency service functions.

“This is a significant honor for Shelby County Government. Less than 1% percent of the 3,141 county or county equivalents meet these high standards, said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

The Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) offers the accreditation process for emergency management programs.

“Providing emergency management programs the opportunity to be evaluated for compliance with 64 standards certified by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) builds safer communities through credible standards of excellence,” said Robie Robinson, Chairperson, of the EMAP.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness is one of only three emergency management agencies in Tennessee to be accredited. Others are the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), the headquarters of the state’s emergency management network, and the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency in middle Tennessee.

The EMAP accreditation designation is valid for five years. For more information, go to www.emap.org

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