



# News Release

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## Shelby County Health Department Hosting FREE Public Health Emergency Preparedness Expo

MEMPHIS, TN – Unfortunately for most of us, disasters do not come with a lot, if any, advance warning. But luckily for us all, there are simple things we can do to prepare ourselves and our families. Join the Shelby County Health Department’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program for our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Health Emergency Preparedness Expo** this **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Tiger Lane from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

Do you have a communication plan for your family? Do you have a stocked emergency supply kit? Have you considered the possibility of a large business fire or overturned tanker on the interstate carrying hazardous materials affecting your route home to your family? Join us this Saturday to find out how you can develop plans and utilize community resources to prepare for and respond to all disasters and emergencies that may occur.

We have a full day of demonstrations and presentations scheduled. Come see the Bomb Squad and K9 Unit in action, watch the Hospital Wing helicopter land onsite, learn how you can protect yourself from utility dangers and foodborne illnesses during and after disasters, and have some fun in our Kidz Zone. We will have over 50 community vendors present to show you the resources available to you and your family.

Our doors will open promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please enter Tiger Lane from Gate 7 off of Central Avenue (at Early Maxwell). Parking and admission are free. The first 1000 people will receive a backpack they will be able to fill up with emergency preparedness supplies and information throughout the day. There will be numerous giveaways all day. No one will leave empty handed!

We hope to see everyone on Saturday!

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