



# News Release

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### Emergency Responders Preparing for Possible Flooding

The Mississippi River and its tributaries continue to rise. In the coming days, parts of Shelby County could be threatened by flood waters. Right now the Mississippi River is at just over 35 feet. Hydrologists with the National Weather Service predict the river will crest at 39 feet within the next week and a half.

**“High water could close roads and threaten homes and businesses. Leaders from public works, fire, law enforcement, the Red Cross and other support agencies will be ready to respond,”** said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

As a precaution, emergency technicians from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness are visiting flood prone areas of Memphis and Shelby County today urging citizens to be on the lookout for rising water, especially near downtown Memphis along Second Street and neighborhoods on Mud Island.

Technicians are also talking to residents in the unincorporated neighborhoods, especially those who live along Big Creek near Mirimichi Golf Course, Cuba-Benjestown and Billion Road.

**“Although there’s been no damage now, it’s vital we prepare citizens and get their assistance. We want them to contact us should they note high water creeping near their property.”** added Director Lane. To report high water, call (901) 222-6700.

Staff members at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness will continue to utilize GIS mapping/flood-prediction technology and the on-site inspections to give citizens early warning about the rising water.

Maps of potential flooding areas, by Zip Codes, are posted at [www.staysafeshelby.us](http://www.staysafeshelby.us) .

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