



# Shelby County, TN Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA



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## **First Responder Agencies Will Exercise Preparedness Resources**

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness will test the abilities of emergency responders during a disaster drill later this week.

**“Training is an on-going mission at the Office of Preparedness. These drills help ensure emergency agencies and hospitals are prepared to meet the needs when a disaster occurs,”** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The drill will be held this Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the old Mid-South Coliseum building off East Parkway at Central. The exercise involves a mock terrorist event.

**“Each component of the exercise will be monitored for strengths and weaknesses. Observers will be looking at how each component of the exercise integrates into the overall success of the exercise. Our first responders are dedicated to training and sustaining their proficiencies 365 days a year. Exercise is the venue we use to examine the effectiveness of our training,”** said Bob Nations, Jr., Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness and Homeland Security.

Volunteers will pose as victims affected by the mock disaster. Hospitals will also be evaluated for how well their staffs cope with the sudden rush of emergency room patients.

Several law enforcement, fire and emergency agencies will take part in the drill. Other community agencies will also be used as resources and evaluators.

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