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NEWS RELEASE

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

EVENT ONE: WELDON SPRING HOSTING REGION-WIDE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

The City of Weldon Spring will host the annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Disaster Preparedness Exercise on September 11, 2010. The event will take place at Mary Emily Bryan Middle School located at 605 Independence Road in Weldon Spring. Trained and active CERT members are invited to participate with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 9:00 a.m.

The exercise will test CERT members to practice and apply what they have learned during their regular training seminars in a scenario where they will have limited interaction with first responders due to the severity of the disaster. It will evaluate their CERT skills and demonstrate how they can help save and sustain lives in the event of a major disaster whether natural or man made when professional help may not be able to immediately respond. The skills that will be specifically covered will include: Communications, Damage Assessment, Light Search and Rescue, Medical (triage, treatment and transport), Fire Suppression and Cribbing. CERT teams from the following communities are planning on participating in the annual event:

- Arnold
- Dardenne Prairie
- St. Louis
- O'Fallon
- St. Charles
- Cottleville
- St. Peters
- Weldon Spring
- Wentzville

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The CERT Disaster Exercise is for trained CERT members only and is not open to the general public. For more information about the Annual Disaster Preparedness Exercise contact Michael Padella, City Administrator, at 636-441-2110 ext. 102 or by emailing mpadella@weldonspring.org.

EVENT TWO: CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS DAY 2010

Citizen Preparedness Day will be observed with a second event also being held on Saturday, September 11. This event is exclusive of the other event, Disaster Preparedness Exercise, and the general public is invited to attend. This event will be held at the Independence Elementary School located at 4800 Meadows Parkway in Weldon Spring from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to inform residents of how to be prepared and ready in case of an emergency or disaster and to recognize and honor our First Responders for their dedicated work in keeping us safe and secure.

The tentative itinerary for the event will include the following events, activities and keynote speakers:

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. – Ceremony to be held in the gymnasium of Independence Elementary School (IES)

- Master of Ceremony – Scott Connell, Channel 5 Meteorologist and Weldon Spring resident
- Presentation of the Colors
- National Anthem – IES Choir, Director Bill McDade
- Invocation
- Opening Remarks – Mayor Donald D. Licklider
- IES Choir
- Keynote Speaker – Steve Rinehart, Deputy Chief in charge of Training & Special Operations at Maryland Heights Fire District, member of Urban Search & Rescue and Weldon Spring resident
- IES Choir
- Retire the Colors

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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Informational booths and handouts inside IES cafeteria

- Available to take: the READY-IN-3 brochures, the Weldon Spring Disaster Preparedness Handbooks and Disaster Preparedness Coloring Books
- On Display: “Ready to go” containers, CERT backpack & contents and neighborhood maps.
- Information about the “Map Your Neighborhood” program designed to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters and how to identify “neighborhood gathering site(s)”.
- Tentative: The Red Cross will provide readiness information
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) information etc.
- Registration forms to sign up and become trained to be a member of CERT!

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Emergency Responder’s equipment on display and personnel on hand to interact with on Independence Elementary School parking lot

- St. Charles County Sheriff Department
- Cottleville Community Fire District
- St. Charles County Ambulance District
- Missouri State Highway Patrol (tentative)
- Helicopter
- SWAT vehicle
- Police Motorcycle
- Bomb Disposal Unit
- DARE vehicle
- The “Talking Bear” with vehicle
- Fire Truck
- Ambulance

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