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***Cumberland County Proclaims Preparedness Month***

**Cumberland County, Pennsylvania**– Cumberland County Board of Commissioner proclaimed September as Preparedness Month in the County during their public meeting today. This is Cumberland County’s 9<sup>th</sup> year participating in this nationwide initiative that promotes personal, home and disaster preparedness during the month of September.

Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) will spend the month focusing on the National theme of “Don’t wait. Communicate.” and will be encouraging residents and businesses to begin the conversation about preparedness. DPS will be offering various preparedness programs to community groups along with highlighting important preparedness tips on social media, including live streaming broadcasts on the app Periscope (@ccpa\_net\_dps911). Each week of the month-long program will focus on a different hazard that could potentially impact Cumberland County. The month will conclude with the National PrepareAthon on September 30<sup>th</sup>. National PrepareAthon is a day of community action and DPS will be challenging residents to do one thing in an effort to prepare for a disaster and take to social media to share their actions using #PrepareAthon.

Don’t wait, communicate! Join the conversation during National Preparedness Month with #NatlPrep. National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the Ready Campaign, a Federal Emergency Management Agency initiative. For more information on this program visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). For more information on Cumberland County’s preparedness efforts visit [www.ccpa.net/publicsafety](http://www.ccpa.net/publicsafety).

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