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### ***Cumberland County Commissioners Proclaim Preparedness Month***

**Cumberland County, PA** – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioner proclaimed September as Preparedness Month in the County during their public meeting today. This is the County’s 11<sup>th</sup> year participating in the nationwide initiative, which promotes personal, home and disaster preparedness during the month of September.

In the wake of two devastating hurricanes, the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds all residents to make the time to develop an emergency plan and/or review a current plan. Keeping in step with the national theme, “Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.” the DPS will provide valuable preparedness information all month. A different preparedness topic will be discussed each week and various tips will be shared via the DPS social media pages. Also, make sure to “tune in” to the DPS Facebook page at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this month to learn valuable safety tips.

“National Preparedness Month is a time to take a step back and evaluate how ready you are for an emergency,” said Robert Shively, director of Cumberland County’s Department of Public Safety. “We can’t stress enough the positive impact preparing and planning can make when a disaster strikes.”

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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