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Cumberland County Commissioners Proclaim Preparedness Month

Cumberland County, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today proclaimed September as Preparedness Month in the county. This is the county’s 12th year participating in the nationwide initiative to raise awareness and promote the need of personal, home and disaster preparedness during the month of September.

In the wake of July’s severe flash flooding, the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds all residents to develop an emergency plan or review and enhance current plans.

“National Preparedness Month is the time to evaluate how ready you are for an emergency,” said Robert Shively, director of Cumberland County’s Department of Public Safety. “The only thing more difficult than planning for an emergency is explaining why you didn’t.”

During this year’s national campaign, “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.”, the department will provide residents with emergency preparedness information and tips on its social media pages.

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. For more information on Cumberland County’s preparedness efforts visit www.ccpa.net/publicsafety.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.