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Be Prepared, Not Scared for the 13th Cumberland County Preparedness Month

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioner today proclaimed September as Preparedness Month. This is the county’s 13th year participating in the nationwide initiative to raise awareness and promote the need of personal, home and disaster preparedness.

This year’s national campaign, “Prepared, Not Scared,” focuses on the conscious decisions of residents to put a plan in place before it’s too late.

“When starting to plan for an emergency, make sure you have an alternate source of electricity, heat and at the minimum, food and water for three days,” 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 one-month campaign, the DPS will provide emergency preparedness topics and tips on the DPS and [county 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.