



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

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CEMA Encourages Residents to Prepare During Severe Weather Preparedness Week Feb. 4th-8th

Chatham County, GA (February 4, 2019) – At a moment's notice, tornadoes, thunderstorms, floods or other severe weather events can strike Chatham County. CEMA, in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA), are encouraging all residents to participate in Severe Weather Preparedness Week, February 4th -8th, to prepare for the possibility of a disaster.

In addition to asking residents to participate in Severe Weather Preparedness Week, CEMA staff and Sosa the Preparedness Pup will visit three elementary schools to teach the science behind severe weather and, most importantly, how students can prepare and stay safe.

This partnership with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System will provide an interactive and engaging assembly on Severe Weather Preparedness for 1,123 Kindergarten through 2nd grade students.

The week's outline is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 4 – Family Preparedness/NOAA Weather Radio Day

Tuesday, Feb. 5 – Thunderstorm Safety

Wednesday, Feb. 6 – Tornado Safety and Statewide Tornado Drill- 9am

Thursday, Feb. 7 – Lightning Safety

Friday, Feb. 8 – Flood Safety

For more information about how you can participate visit ***ChathamEmergency.org*** or follow us on Facebook at ***ChathamEMA***.

Media Partners:

There will be opportunities for B-roll and interviews at the following locations and times.

- **Port Wentworth Elementary 9:30 am – 2:45 pm - Monday**
 - Interview Availability 9:00 – 9:20, 11:00 – 11:45
- **Marshpoint Elementary 11:25 am – 2:45 pm -Tuesday**
 - Interview Availability 12:20 – 1:10
- **Windsor Forest Elementary 12:45 pm – 2:45 pm - Wednesday**
 - Interview Availability 11:30 – 11:40, 2:45 – 3:00

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