



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

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2018 Chatham County Prepare-A-Thon Begins

Chatham County, GA (September 19, 2018) – The 2018 Chatham County Prepare-A-Thon begins Friday, September 21, 2018. This year, the focus is on the people of Chatham County. Each day will be devoted to a different segment of the population to ensure they are prepared for all of the hazards that can affect Chatham County.

Day One: Friday, September 21, 2018

Youth Emergency Preparedness: Chatham Emergency Management Agency is partnering with Gould Elementary School to bring the American Red Cross Pillowcase Project to grades 2-5. CEMA's goal is to teach 500 children about hurricanes and home fire safety.

Day Two: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Help Your Neighbor: CEMA aims to teach hundreds of Chatham County residents how they can assist one another during an emergency event. The FEMA course, "You Are The Help, Until Help Arrives" will be offered three times, at three different locations. To register, please visit:

<https://www.chathamemergency.org/events/>

10AM-12PM Tybee Island YMCA Gymnasium

1PM-4PM West Chatham Baptist Church (Taught in American Sign Language)

4PM-6PM Moses Jackson Community Center

Day Three: Monday, September 24, 2018

Youth Emergency Preparedness: CEMA is partnering with Pulaski Elementary School to bring the American Red Cross Pillowcase Project to grades 2-5. The goal is to teach 500 children about hurricanes and home fire safety.

Day Four: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Praise and Preparedness Festival: CEMA, along with FEMA, the FBI, and GEMA present the first ever Praise and Preparedness Festival at Compassion Christian Church (55 Al Henderson Blvd.)

from 10 AM-5 PM. This is geared towards faith-based leadership, but all are welcome to attend. To register, please visit: <https://www.chathamemergency.org/events/>

Day Five: Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Spanish Emergency Training Day: CEMA, Savannah State University's Hispanic Heritage Festival, and Savannah Police Department have partnered together to bring the first ever Spanish Emergency Training Day. Several emergency courses will be taught entirely in Spanish to help residents prepare for both natural and man-made disasters. The event will run from 12- 8 PM at the Coastal Georgia Center (305 Fahm St). To register, please visit: <https://www.chathamemergency.org/events/>

Day Six: Thursday, September 27, 2018

Pet Emergency Preparedness Day: CEMA, Chatham County Animal Services, and the Humane Society of Greater Savannah are partnering to have a low-cost microchip and rabies vaccine event on September 27th, from 2-6PM at 7211 Sallie Mood Drive. Rabies vaccines, and county registration, will cost only \$10. Microchips will cost only \$20.

Day Seven: Friday, September 28, 2018

Ask The Experts: From 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm on September 28th, citizens have the opportunity to ask the experts their questions. Representatives from CEMA, Local Media Stations, Georgia Power, the Georgia Insurance Commission, Chatham County Public Health, Animal Services, Department of Engineering, and Public Works will all be present to answer questions.

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