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Montco to Hold First Preparedness Fair on Courthouse Grounds

Norristown, PA (September 18, 2013) – Montgomery County will mark the 10th Anniversary of National Preparedness Month with its first ever Preparedness Fair from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20th in front of the courthouse on Main Street, next to Hancock Square.

“This promises to be a very informative and important event,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the county commissioners. “Montgomery County is at risk for many disasters, including hurricanes, flooding and large scale power outages, all of which occurred over the course of a single week just last year and by all accounts, we were lucky.”

National Preparedness Month is designed to encourage people to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. Whether it’s September or any time of the year, disaster can strike at any time without warning.

This free public event will provide a broad range of information that will prepare residents for natural disasters and other hardships. It will include hands-on training in the proper use of a fire extinguisher and Hands Only CPR.

There will be a display of what everyone should have on hand to take care of themselves for up to three days, and members of the Montgomery County Animal Response Team will demonstrate how to care for your pets in a disaster.

Information will be available about Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services. PECO will also be on hand with information about electric and gas safety in the home.