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### **Local agencies recognize National Preparedness Month**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – September is National Preparedness Month and Douglas County residents are urged to prepare themselves and their families in the event of a natural disaster, public health emergency or act of terrorism.

Douglas County Emergency Management, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Roger Hill Volunteer Center and Together Prepared are sponsoring the Douglas County Preparedness Fair from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St. The event is free to attend.

The fair will include booths from the American Red Cross, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical's "Safety House," the Lawrence Humane Society, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps and Eudora Police Department's "Ident-a-kid."

Take this opportunity to prepare you and your family for future events. In addition to attending the fair, residents can prepare themselves by taking these steps:

- **Get a kit** - When preparing for an emergency situation, think about the basics of survival: bottled water, food and necessary personal items such as prescriptions needed to sustain yourself and your family for at least three days.
- **Make a plan** - Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact each other and where you will meet.
- **Stay informed** - Learn more about the potential emergencies (natural and man-made) that could happen where you live and the appropriate way to respond to them. In addition, learn about the emergency plans established in your area by your state and local government, including Douglas County Emergency Management and the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department.

For more information on preparedness, visit: [http://douglas-county.com/depts/em/em\\_home.aspx](http://douglas-county.com/depts/em/em_home.aspx), [www.ldchealth.org](http://www.ldchealth.org) and [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).