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COOK COUNTY TO HOST PREPAREDNESS FAIR AT DALEY PLAZA

Fair Helps Mark National Preparedness Month

WHAT: Cook County's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) is partnering with government agencies, nonprofits and private sector organizations to ensure residents have the information they need to stay safe in an emergency – whether manmade or natural. As part of National Preparedness Month, DHSEM is hosting a preparedness fair at Daley Plaza.

Residents will receive safety information from all participating agencies, take part in safety trainings and see the kinds of tools DHSEM and other agencies use to help residents during emergencies. DHSEM will display some of its rescue vehicles on the plaza. The department will also promote the "If You See Something, Say Something" anti-terrorism campaign.

WHO: Agencies partnering with the DHSEM include:
American Red Cross
Cook County Animal and Rabies Control
Cook County Forest Preserves
Cook County Health and Hospital System
Chicago Department of Public Health
Chicago Fire Department
Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
University of Illinois-Chicago, Office of Preparedness and Response

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Daley Plaza
50 W. Washington St.
Chicago

VISUALS: DHSEM rescue vehicles and equipment – mobile response teams, rescue dump truck, Humvees, mobile shelter

INTERVIEWS: A DHSEM spokesperson is available for onsite interviews.

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The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management integrates first responders, their departments and resources from 134 Cook County municipalities, and serves as the central agency in Cook County for coordinating efforts to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all incidents, whether man-made or natural. For more information, visit our website at www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org.