



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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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, the 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 the DHSEM and other agencies use to help residents during emergencies. The DHSEM will display some of its rescue vehicles on the plaza. The DHSEM will also promote the "If You See Something, Say Something" anti-terrorism campaign.

**WHO:** Agencies partnering with the DHSEM include:  
American Red Cross  
ComEd  
Cook County Department of Public Health  
Chicago Police Department  
Chicago Department of Public Health  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)  
City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC)  
Ready America

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
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

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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](http://www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org).