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# FCEM&HS

## Preparedness Post

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### National Preparedness Month



September is National Preparedness Month! Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) reminds residents to plan and prepare for all hazards and emergencies before they happen.

This year's theme is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." The campaign emphasizes the need for all residents to take action now and prepare. By knowing how to respond and what to do when disaster strikes, residents can help their neighbors and the community in times of need.

Throughout National Preparedness Month, FCEM&HS will feature a different preparedness theme each week on Facebook and Twitter. Weekly themes include:

- Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends
- Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community
- Practice and Build Out Your Plans
- Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger

Residents are encouraged to be informed about the top risks facing Franklin County, have an emergency supply kit and register for ALERT Franklin County at [www.alertfranklincounty.org](http://www.alertfranklincounty.org) to receive important information and weather alerts.

For more information on National Preparedness Month and how to prepare, visit our website at [www.fcemhs.org](http://www.fcemhs.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

### FCEM&HS Hosts Mandela Washington Fellowship

Director Jeffrey J. Young and FCEM&HS are pleased to host Labran Alio Maidoukia of Niger as part of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders Program. The program is the flagship component of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). It brings young leaders to the United States for academic coursework and leadership training and creates unique opportunities in Africa for Fellows to put new skills to practical use in leading organizations, communities, and countries.

The Professional Development Experience component of the Fellowship assists Fellows in enhancing transferrable skills and expanding their professional networks. Labran is one of 100 competitively selected fellows who have joined private, nonprofit, and government organizations across the country to participate in an individually tailored six-week program that relates to their professional interests and goals. [Full Story](#)



## Central Region Mass Fatality Response Services Plan

FCEM&HS, the Franklin County Coroner's Office, Columbus Public Health, Franklin County Public Health and representatives from the Central Ohio region began development on the Central Region Fatality Management Services Response Plan in early August. The regional plan will provide an effective strategy to respond and recover from a mass fatality event impacting any of the 15 surrounding counties.



Over the last few years, incidents resulting in significant loss of life have become more frequent. Although, Central Ohio first responders are well trained to respond to these incidents, a coordinated regional plan will increase the entire region's ability to assist each other to respond and recover from these devastating events. [Read More](#)

## The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Earthquake Drill



Although Franklin County has a low probability for earthquakes and no damage has been reported, earthquake movement has been felt locally from incidents in other parts of Ohio. Earthquakes strike without any warning, allowing no time for preparation or evacuation.

To be better prepared, FCEM&HS is urging the community to join millions of people who will [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) at 10:19 a.m. on October 19, 2017 in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Earthquake Drill. Participating is a great way for

your family, school or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from an earthquake.

Earthquakes can happen anywhere you live, work or travel in the Central U.S. The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is a chance to practice how to protect ourselves and become prepared. The recommend safety action should an earthquake occur is to [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#). During an earthquake, residents should **Drop** to the ground, take **Cover** under a sturdy table or desk if possible to protect your head and neck and **Hold On** until the shaking stops.

[Click here](#) for more information and how to participate in the 2017 Great Central U.S. ShakeOut.

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