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Public Invited to Free Emergency Awareness Expo on June 2

Learn valuable information about emergency preparedness for you and your family

On Saturday, June 2, <u>Charleston County Government's Emergency Management Department</u> and the <u>Lowcountry CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)</u> are holding the Fifth Annual Ready Lowcountry Emergency Awareness Expo 2012.

This year, Lowe's has offered to host the event at the North Charleston store located at 7555 Northwoods Boulevard from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"Emergency first-responders, volunteer organizations and local businesses will offer valuable survival tips, information and resources on preparing for any disaster," said Jim Tarter, training coordinator for the Charleston County Emergency Management Department.

The expo is free to the public and will cover hurricane preparedness, earthquake safety, fire, evacuation, home safety and business preparedness. It will include informative and interactive displays from agencies in all levels of government, volunteer organizations and local businesses to include:

- Information for families, businesses and children on how to prepare for any emergency
- Interactive kids area to demonstrate fire safety and other preventative tips
- Displays from federal, county and municipal governments, volunteer organizations and local businesses to include rescue boats, fire trucks, etc.

For more information on emergency preparedness:

- Visit Ready Lowcountry on the Charleston County website at www.charlestoncounty.org
- Register your cell phone to receive emergency information from County officials: http://alert.charlestoncounty.org/
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