



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Township to Host Annual Emergency Preparedness Event**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (May 19, 2016) – Residents and businesses in The Woodlands have the opportunity to learn how to be prepared for emergencies by attending The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch Emergency Preparedness Event on Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This a free event sponsored by Entergy Texas, Inc., at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard.

Participants and sponsors will be available to answer resident questions about emergency preparedness and provide drawings, giveaways, handouts, food and snacks while they last. Presentations and demonstrations will be held throughout the event, including Hurricane Predictions for 2016 by the National Weather Service. Attendees will also learn about emergency volunteer opportunities in the area.

Attendees can also learn about the danger of downed power lines, especially after a severe storm or hurricane. The Entergy *Arcs and Sparks* demonstration shows the dramatic and often tragic results that can take place when proper care is not taken around these lines. There will also be an opportunity to visit public safety vehicles, find out about useful emergency web links online and view brief emergency preparedness videos to help prepare for a hurricane or any emergency.

**Presentation Schedule:** (Inside – Board Chambers)\*

- 10:30 a.m. *The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch* – 15 minutes  
Presented by Peggy Krysiak, Program Specialist
- 10:55 a.m. *Smart911: Planning ahead for an emergency* – 15 minutes  
Presented by Andrea Wilson, Public Education Coordinator  
Montgomery County Emergency Services District
- 11:20 a.m. *Operation Storm Ready* – 20 minutes  
Presented by Allen East, Director, Region Customer Service  
Entergy Texas, Inc.
- 11:50 a.m. *Hurricane Predictions for 2016* – 30 minutes  
Presented by Roland Nuñez, Meteorologist in Charge  
National Weather Service, Houston Center Weather Service Unit



**Demonstration Schedule (Outside - front parking lot):\***

- 10:20 a.m. Entergy *Arcs and Sparks* Electricity Demonstration
- 12:40 p.m. Entergy *Arcs and Sparks* Electricity Demonstration

**Ongoing Activities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:**

- **Exhibitor Booths Indoors and Outdoors** – displays, giveaways, handouts and/or representatives to answer questions – indoor Meeting Rooms 114, 120, 122, 150/152, west lobby and front parking area (check the map in the west lobby on June 4, 2016 for exhibitor locations).
- **Ready Houston? – Are You Ready? – Ready Houston Emergency Preparedness Video** – 15 minutes – Room 124
- **The Woodlands Township** Emergency Notification and Social Media sign-up – Meeting Room 114
- **Montgomery County 9-1-1** new Emergency Notification sign-up – Meeting Room 120
- **Together Against the Weather – Ready Houston Emergency Preparedness Video** – Hurricane Readiness for Persons with Functional and Access Needs Video – 6 minutes – Room 124

Participants and sponsors include The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch; Entergy Texas, Inc.; The Woodlands Fire Department; Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, District 6 Crime Prevention Unit; Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 4; Montgomery County Constable's Office, Precinct 3; Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Community Emergency Response Team information; National Weather Service; Montgomery County Hospital District; Montgomery County Public Health; Montgomery County Search and Rescue; American Red Cross; Interfaith of The Woodlands; CenterPoint Energy; Crisis Assistance Center; United Way/MC-CARES/HelpOurCounty.org; Montgomery County Sheriff Citizen's Academy Alumni Association; Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES); First Choice Emergency Room; H-E-B; Home Depot; Sam's Club and The Woodlands Township Environmental Services, Community Relations and Parks and Recreation Departments.

*\*All presentation and demonstration times and booth locations are subject to change. This is a rain or shine event, so in case of inclement weather, some activities may be cancelled or moved indoors.*

For more information, please visit The Woodlands Township website at [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov), contact The Woodlands Township at 281-210-3800 or email [neighbor@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](mailto:neighbor@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov).



*The whole family can learn important information about emergencies at this free event sponsored by Entergy Texas, Inc.*



*A variety of helpful handouts and information packets will be available for attendees to get prepared for a number of emergencies.*



*The Arcs and Sparks demonstration by Entergy Texas, Inc. shows how dangerous power lines can be and how to avoid hazardous encounters with power lines.*