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## **Washington County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Plans Family Friendly Public Safety Whole-Community Expo**

Washington County Sheriff William M. Hutton announces that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the City of Woodbury to host a Public Safety Whole-Community Expo on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bielenberg Sports Center, 4125 Radio Drive in Woodbury. The Expo is a free community event for all ages that allows residents of Washington County to learn about emergency preparedness in a fun and interactive environment.

There will be over 20 exhibits that will help guests learn about the importance of emergency preparedness, weather awareness and many other ways to "be prepared." Doug Berglund, Director of Emergency Management, explains:

"Emergency Management uses an "All Hazards" approach to our planning and preparedness efforts. This is done to insure we have considered the broad range of events that can occur in Washington County from tornadoes, floods, power outages to planned intentional acts against the public. We want to use this family fun event to show the public how public safety preparedness crosses the boundaries of all disasters and advise the public how they too can have a plan and be prepared. Our objective for this event is to reach the "Whole Community" to include families, seniors, people with functional needs and disabilities, not-for-profits and private businesses with our preparedness message."

There will be food concessions and an outdoor demonstration area that will include multiple hands-on, interactive experiences with public safety professionals that serve in Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety and Public Works. Children will have an opportunity to visit with public safety professionals, climb in their vehicles and ask questions about their equipment. A variety of other fun, family activities will be offered as well!

