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***Shelby Cares* Disaster Network Convenes Next Week**

Representatives from faith-based and non-profit organizations involved in the *Shelby Cares* network will meet next week to discuss ways to prepare for local disasters and how to assist disaster victims. The session will be held Tuesday, November 18th, 11 a.m., at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center, 1075 Mullins Station Road, Suite 113.

“Government cannot provide all the needed services when disasters occur. That’s why the *Shelby Cares* network is so important,” said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The *Shelby Cares* network was created by the Shelby County Office of Preparedness in 2010. Organizations in the network provide emergency shelter, food and other needs for disaster victims.

Shelby Cares is currently assisting several families affected by heavy rains this past September 11th when high water damaged more than 100 structures in Whitehaven, Raleigh, Bartlett and other areas.

“Unfortunately, damage totals didn’t rise to the level of a federal disaster declaration. We hope our partners will help with the urgent need for drywall, insulation, carpeting and other materials,” said Shelby Office of Preparedness Director Dale Lane.

There are currently 25 churches and organizations in the *Shelby Cares* network which include the Mid-South American Red Cross and other community agencies.

For more information on how to be part of the *Shelby Cares* network, go to the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA Facebook Group, Twitter@SCOP_HLS_EMA or call Terry Donald at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness at **(901) 222-6700**.

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