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**Maricopa County Public Health & Metrocenter Mall Host FREE
Emergency Preparedness Expo on Sept. 10th**

PHOENIX (September 1, 2016) – Maricopa County Department of Public Health’s Office of Preparedness and Response, in partnership with Metrocenter Mall and first responders, will celebrate National Preparedness Month with a multicultural emergency preparedness expo on Saturday, Sept. 10th. This year’s theme ***Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today / No Se Espere, Comuníquese. ¡Haga Su Plan de Emergencia Hoy!*** reminds the community about the importance of personal preparedness.

“This is a great opportunity for folks to know what to do in case of large or small events such as floods, dust storms, power outages, and even how you can help protect our community from outbreaks by getting your flu vaccine,” said Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine, Medical Director of the Disease Control Division at MCDPH. “Public health nurses will offer free flu shots for uninsured adults at the Expo who may not be protected otherwise. We appreciate the hard work of all our partners who are supporting this event to protect our families.”

Close to 20 agencies will be featured at this year’s Expo, offering activities and services related to first aid, evacuation planning, caring for pets in a disaster, how to deal with stress during emergencies, how to become an organ & tissue donor, dealing with chronic conditions during emergencies such as heart and stroke as well as people will have the opportunity to apply for AHCCCS and Kids Care and much more. This year, Phoenix Fire also will be on hand to provide free car seat checks. Expo visitors will also have the opportunity to receive free first aid kits, bike helmets, car seats and the uninsured adults can get FREE flu immunizations.

WHEN

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10am – 2pm (Indoor events and activities by Sears)
7am-11am (Car seat checks outdoors by Sears)

WELCOME & MEDIA AVAILABILITY AT 11:30AM

Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine, Medical Director, Disease Control Division, Maricopa County Public Health
Ambassador Oscar Padilla Lam, Consulado of Guatemala in Phoenix

WHERE

Metrocenter Mall by Sears
9617 N. Metro Parkway W., Phoenix, AZ 85051

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