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Emergency Preparedness Day

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Sarnia, ON – Dozens of local organizations are putting the finishing touches on plans for Emergency Preparedness Day, to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, May 5 at Clearwater Arena in Sarnia.

The event is held in recognition of National Emergency Preparedness Week (May 7-13) and is one of the largest municipal/industrial emergency preparedness displays in Canada. During National Emergency Preparedness Week, families across the country are encouraged to think about home preparedness and to assemble a 72-Hour Emergency Supplies Kit that contains enough food, water and other necessities to allow a family to be self-sufficient for three days following an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Day is sponsored by Community Awareness/Emergency Response (CAER).

"When households are well-prepared and self-sufficient, it allows responders and municipal officials to focus on the most urgent issues during a crisis," says Dean Edwardson, General Manager of CAER. "Emergency Preparedness Day aims to provide those in attendance with the knowledge they need to be prepared at home for an emergency."

The event also provides an opportunity for municipal and industrial responders to demonstrate their capabilities, equipment, and readiness to respond to a crisis.

A BBQ lunch, served by local dignitaries, will be available for a \$2 donation to the Salvation Army and begins at 10:30 a.m.

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit EmergenciesLambton.ca or call the CAER office at 519-332-2010 for additional information regarding Emergency Preparedness Day.

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