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SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCES UPCOMING 2019 FLOOD SAFETY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Flooding can happen anytime it rains, providing little or no time to prepare and evacuate your loved ones. The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management partners with Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for Flood Safety Preparedness Week on March 11-15. The week encourages residents and their families to prepare for the event of flooding.

Each day during the 2019 Flood Safety Preparedness Week will focus on a different flood safety tip, the dangers of flooding and how Georgians can prepare before flooding happens. The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security/ Emergency Management is encouraging all residents to dedicate time to practicing emergency response procedures and learn how to deal with floods.

“Floods and flash floods can reach full peak in only a few minutes,” said Glenn Polk, Spalding County Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management Director. “By taking steps to prepare before it strikes and knowing evacuation routes, you can ensure that you and your family stay safe.” Spalding County residents are urged to work through communication plans and practice safety measures at home so they will be ready if or when a flooding event happens.

Flood Safety Preparedness Week begins with Flood Safety, Preparedness and Awareness Day on March 11. Each day offers a different tip on how to prepare.

- Monday March 11 – Flood Safety, Preparedness and Awareness
- Tuesday March 12 – Turn Around, Don't Drown
- Wednesday March 13 – Flood Hazards
- Thursday March 14 – NWS Water Resources and Services
- Friday March 15 – Partner Services

For more information on preparing for flooding emergencies, visit the National Weather Service web page: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov> or contact the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management at 770-228-2129.

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