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Pasco County's 2017 Disaster Expo set for April 22

~~Family disaster preparedness event will be part of Cotee River Seafest~~

NEW PORT RICHEY, FL ---- Emergencies can happen any time, during any season and being prepared can mean the difference between life and death. That's why the [Pasco County Division of Emergency Management](#) is hosting the 2017 Disaster Expo on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in downtown New Port Richey's Sims Park.

For the third year, the Disaster Expo will be part of the annual [Cotee River Seafest](#). You'll notice we're changing the name from 'Hurricane Expo' to 'Disaster Expo.' While hurricanes pose a major threat to Pasco County's coastline, there are many other potential disasters families need to be prepared for, as well.

"Hurricanes, tornados, flooding, wildfires – all of these emergencies have happened in Pasco County in the past year," said Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie. "We want to help you and your family be prepared for *any* type of disaster situation and the 2017 Disaster Expo is the perfect place to do that."

Representatives from various Pasco County departments and agencies will be available to help residents:

- ✓ Plan for evacuations
- ✓ Protect homes and businesses
- ✓ Prepare go-kits for people and pets
- ✓ Register for special needs assistance
- ✓ Learn how to get involved
- ✓ Much more!

Local business representatives will also be providing information and advice on disaster preparedness.

Bring the whole family! Kids will enjoy taking part in the **Disaster Dash** scavenger hunt and inflatable race, courtesy of [Pasco County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources](#).

For more information about disaster preparedness, visit The [Pasco County Division of Emergency Management](#) website at: www.pascoemergencymanagement.com and follow us on Twitter at: twitter.com/Pasco_FL_OEM.

For more information about the Cotee River Seafest, click here: <http://bit.ly/1U1D8xV>.