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2016 Pasco County OEM Hurricane Expo set for April 23rd

~~Interactive disaster preparedness as part of the Annual Cotee River Seafest~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL --- Pasco County's [Office of Emergency Management](#) is hosting the 2016 Hurricane Expo as a featured event of the [Annual Cotee River Seafest](#). The Hurricane Expo will be held Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. in downtown New Port Richey's Sims Park.

The 2016 Hurricane Expo will provide property and life-saving information, in a fun, upbeat environment designed for the whole family to enjoy. Watch live drone demonstrations and then take the controls. Pick up your copy of the 2016 Disaster Planning Guide. Children can also take part in our 'Get Ready. Set. Go! Scavenger Hunt' – while parents talk with area experts about all types of hazard preparedness.

“Don't wait until a disaster happens – prepare now,” said Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie. “Having an emergency plan and having insurance coverage are the most important things families or business owners can do.”

The 2016 Hurricane Expo offers residents the perfect opportunity to find out how to be ready for an emergency. Bay News 9 Meteorologist Juli Marquez will be on hand to answer weather-related questions. Representatives from the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the United Way will also be providing information about their role in emergency readiness, response and recovery.

Local government agencies will have experts available to talk about planning for your pets, flood protection for homes and businesses, how to register family members with special needs for evacuation assistance and how to become more involved. Local businesses and vendors will also be available to provide information and advice.

The 2016 Hurricane Expo is also a chance for you to meet your new Pasco County Emergency Management Director, Kevin Guthrie. “This is a great way to educate and protect yourself and your family,” said Guthrie. “Stop by, have fun and chat with our experts.”

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Hurricane Season begins June 1st and ends November 30th. For more information about hurricane safety – including evacuation zones, disaster kits, preparing your home or business, special needs, protecting your pets, shelters and much more – visit the Pasco County Office of Emergency Management website: <http://www.pascoemergencymanagement.com/>

For more information about the Cotee River Seafest, follow this link:
<http://bit.ly/1U1D8xV>

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