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Delaware County—The Delaware County Commissioners declared September as National Preparedness Month in Delaware County during session Monday. Shown here are Commissioner Jeff Benton; Commissioner Gary Merrell; Director Sean Miller, Delaware County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; Sheriff Russ Martin, and Commissioner Barb Lewis.

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools. Response to any emergency or disaster is a combination of efforts between many agencies, including the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, as Director Miller was quick to point out.

Miller stressed the importance of practical preparedness, "such as keeping 72 hours' worth of food, water and medications in your home; checking on neighbors, especially elderly or those with special needs; and having alternate heating and lighting, such as flashlights, generators, candles, etc.

He also pointed out the importance of getting information about emergencies in a timely manner. He encouraged Delaware County residents to visit the following for more information on how best to be prepared: <http://www.delcoema.org/documents/preparedness.pdf>

More hints and tips can also be found on the Delaware County EMA website at <http://www.delcoema.org> or on the EMA social media pages.