



Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

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Arkansas Hosts Nations First State Youth Preparedness Council

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—Arkansas Department of Emergency Management is leading the nation in youth preparedness with the creation of the new Arkansas Youth Preparedness Council.

ADEM will host its first Arkansas Youth Preparedness Council event Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

Representatives from FEMA Region VI, Little Rock Police Department K-9 Unit, SWAT Team, Bomb Unit and Hazardous Materials Team along with representatives from the Pulaski County Search and Rescue Team and the FBI Counterterrorism team will be making presentations to the council in the morning.

Afternoon presentations will include the topics of earthquake preparedness, the See Something, Say Something (S4) campaign, Smart 9-1-1, the Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Program and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

The council is composed of 13 high school students from across the state who will lead their schools in emergency preparedness programs. Arkansas is the first state in the nation to create a youth preparedness council and has been recognized by FEMA for this accomplishment. The program will be used as a model nationwide. The purpose of this council is to promote preparedness and encourage students to be leaders in their communities.

Media Availability:

WHAT: Arkansas Youth Preparedness Council Event

WHEN: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, August 11, 2016
Please arrive at 10 a.m. sharp to pass through the security checkpoint. In accordance with new Camp Robinson regulations, background checks are required of all patrons and will be conducted on site.

WHERE: Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
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