



JOHNSON COUNTY A COMMUNITY PREPARED

Disaster Preparedness Summit



DATE

April 23, 2009

TIME

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

LOCATION

JC Administration
Building Room 200
111 S. Cherry St.
Olathe, KS

**LUNCH WILL BE
PROVIDED**

OVERVIEW:

Johnson County Emergency Management and Homeland Security is inviting the public safety community in Johnson County to an all day Disaster Preparedness Summit. The purpose of the Summit is to better define the appropriate level of disaster preparedness in Johnson County, identify the gaps and challenges in getting us to the desired level, and discover potential solutions for bridging the gap.

COUNTYWIDE DISCUSSION:

While emergency managers and public safety officials have a long history of working collaboratively to enhance Johnson County's level of preparedness, much of this work is focused on specific programs, grants, improvement areas, or projects. As such, opportunities to discuss and/or assess disaster preparedness holistically (for Johnson County) are rare. The first half of the Disaster Summit will provide an opportunity for this as it will be a high-level open discussion regarding disaster preparedness in Johnson County.

CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT:

Performing a local capabilities assessment is an essential component to managing risk effectively. Recently, the State of Kansas has invested in the creation of a capability assessment tool that is to be used in each of the Homeland Security Regions. To accomplish this, each of the counties in the KC Metro Region (Johnson, Leavenworth, & Wyandotte) will first perform county-specific capability assessments. The second half of the Disaster Summit will be focused on performing a comprehensive capability assessment for Johnson County.

AUDIENCE:

To ensure the accuracy and completeness of the work performed at the Disaster Summit, it would be beneficial to have a Chief/Director level representative as well as an operations-focused representative from each public safety organization in Johnson County attend for the entire day. However, Chief/Director level participation will be most important in the first half of the summit (for the open discussion from 8:30am to 11:30pm) and participation from operations-focused individuals will be most important in the afternoon session (for the capabilities assessment from 12:30pm to 4:30pm). There will be a working lunch from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

For questions or RSVP, contact Chris Brantley at cbrantley@jocogov.org or 913-715-1014. Room 200 is in the Lower Level Conference Center of the Johnson County Administration Building