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**Livingston County Department of Public Health Recognizes
September as National Preparedness Month**

Howell, Michigan, September 5, 2008 – Working with the Livingston County Emergency Management Department, the Livingston County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) offers several resources to help our residents prepare to cope with an emergency during National Preparedness Month.

“You can help ensure your own safety and the safety of your family in a disaster,” said Don Hayduk, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for LCDPH. “Become better prepared in small steps; start by going to www.do1thing.us. “

Resources that focus on Livingston County preparedness efforts include:

- ✦ The Public Health Volunteer Response Team (PHVRT) which was developed by the LCDPH. Volunteers play a critical role in assisting our department in responding to large scale emergency situations. PHVRT volunteers receive mailings and training on various public health emergency response topics (i.e., Disease Agents, Family Preparedness, Incident Command System (ICS), First Aid, CPR, Mass Clinic Operations, Foodborne Illness/Outbreaks, etc.). PHVRT volunteers also participate in full-scale emergency response exercises. We are currently recruiting Registered Nurses. Contact the PHVRT Coordinator, Jennifer Kramer, at your convenience either by phone at (517) 552-6819 or email at jkramer@co.livingston.mi.us.
- ✦ A Livingston County Family & Community Emergency Guide entitled “Being Prepared” provides information to help deal with a variety of emergency situations such as severe weather, power outages and chemical spills. It contains checklists to help families develop their own emergency kit for their home or car, and emergency forms that can be copied, completed and put in a wallet or backpack. Go to www.lchd.org for a copy of the [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#). Copies are available at the Front Desk of the Livingston County Department of Public Health, 2300 East Grand River, Howell, MI near the corner of Chilson and Grand River on a first come basis.
- ✦ The Livingston Animal Response Group (LARG) has produced a brochure which provides information for pet owners on how to prepare themselves, as well as their animals for an emergency situation. Go to www.lchd.org for a copy of [Disaster Preparedness for Pets in Livingston County](#).

LCDPH is committed to promoting wellness, preventing disease, providing health care, and protecting the environment. For additional information, visit www.lchd.org.

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