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EARTHQUAKE! Are You Ready?

St. Charles County offers free disaster preparedness education

St. Charles County, Missouri – On Friday morning, a magnitude 5.2 earthquake centered near Bellmont, Illinois shook the Midwest. Aftershocks continue to rattle the region. While there are no reports of injuries or significant damage in our area due to the tremors, the incident serves as a reminder that St. Charles County lies in the highest earthquake-risk area east of the Rocky Mountains.

To help citizens prepare for the next quake, or any other emergency, the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment offers free disaster preparedness education through “Ready in 3.” This program, developed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, shows residents how to prepare themselves and their family for an emergency. Topics covered in the presentation include an overview of potential threats in Missouri, how to put together an emergency kit, and what to include in a family emergency plan.

To schedule a “Ready in 3” presentation for your school, business, or civic organization, or to request copies of “Ready in 3” educational materials, call (636) 949-7408. For information about earthquake safety and other disaster preparedness topics, visit www.scchealth.org and look for the “Timely Topic” on Earthquake Preparedness near the bottom of the page.

For more information about the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment, call (636) 949-7400 or visit www.scchealth.org.

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