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NERAC to Host Regional Emergency Preparedness Day

Boston, MA - On September 22 from 9:00am to noon the Northeast Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council (NERAC) will host a Regional Emergency Preparedness Day event at the Framingham Department of Public Works. This event will bring together public safety officials and community leaders to showcase NERAC's homeland security initiatives and the region's newest regional equipment cache site in Framingham.

Over the course of the morning attendees will learn how municipalities can access cache resources, in addition to viewing demonstrations of emergency response equipment for communications, transportation, and public health uses. NERAC communities that register for the event will also receive equipment and resources that have been procured for the benefit of communities in the northeast region including "Shelter-in-a-Box" emergency shelter start-up toolkit and medical emergency triage "*Smart Tags*".

"NERAC is proud to open the Framingham Cache Site for this event during National Emergency Preparedness Month in an effort to educate stakeholders on NERAC's homeland security initiatives and the critical resources that are available to member communities through NERAC's efforts," said NERAC Chair, Andover Police Chief Brian J. Pattullo.

The Northeast Homeland Security Region is defined by the Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy, which was developed by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) in 2004. It is one of five Homeland Security Planning Regions in the Commonwealth and includes 85 municipalities in northeastern Massachusetts. NERAC is the policy making body of the Northeast Region, consisting of a sixteen-member committee. Members represent all relevant public safety disciplines including law enforcement, fire service, emergency management, local public health, hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS), public works, public safety communications, transportation, corrections, and local government administration.

MAPC (the Metropolitan Area Planning Council) provides planning, facilitation, administrative support, project management and fiduciary services to NERAC in an effort to implement the Council's regional homeland security plan. Efforts are funded by EOPSS through a grant from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security.

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