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Community Safety Expo: A Hometown Salute to Harvey Heroes & Volunteers

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 14, 2017) – The Woodlands Township invites residents to learn more about safety while honoring the first responders of Hurricane Harvey at the Community Safety Expo: A Hometown Salute to Harvey Heroes & Volunteers on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from noon to 3 p.m. at the newly-renovated Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive. The event will include a special salute to first responders and volunteers by Chairman Gordy Bunch and Township Directors at 1:30 p.m.

“Throughout Hurricane Harvey, first responders worked tirelessly to provide assistance and rescue services to residents of The Woodlands,” said Chairman Bunch. “Volunteers and elected officials stepped up to serve their neighbors in need at local organizations such as Interfaith of The Woodlands and a variety of shelters within the community. The Board of Directors, along with the Township, wishes to recognize their service and encourages all residents to take this opportunity to thank the many first responders and volunteers for their hard work throughout the storm.”

In addition to honoring hometown heroes, the Community Safety Expo will feature live music provided by the Texas Joe Bailey band and public safety demonstrations for the entire community. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and various refreshments will be provided free of charge. Numerous local agencies will participate including the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, Crime Stoppers, the Texas Rangers, Harris County Constable’s Office Precinct 4, Harris County Sheriff’s Office, The Woodlands Fire Department and many more. Many state and federal public safety agencies will participate also. As the community continues to heal, there are still major needs with displaced families. Interfaith of The Woodlands will be collecting “Gift Cards” from retailers to assist these families.

Residents can meet public safety personnel, see equipment, tour mobile command units of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and Homeland Security, watch law enforcement K-9 demonstrations and more at this **free** event. New this year, the Expo will feature virtual reality goggles in addition to driving simulators. These goggles simulate a variety of scenarios such as distracted driving and texting while driving, along with motorcycle driving. Children can enjoy face painting, a bounce house, crafts and hanging out with McGruff the Crime Dog. Parking will be available in the Aon Hewitt parking lot across from Northshore Park.

The Community Safety Expo is a part of the National Night Out campaign. Since 1990, The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch has brought residents and the public safety agencies that serve The Woodlands Township together under positive circumstances. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer. For more information about National Night Out, please contact The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch at 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout.



The Community Safety Expo offers interactive experiences for the whole family.



Distracted driving simulators at the Community Safety Expo teach valuable lessons about the importance of safe driving practices.