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BE READY QC EMERGENCY RESOURCE FAIR TAKES PLACE AUGUST 17th

Bettendorf, IA - The Quad Cities' third annual community emergency resource fair will take place on Sunday, August 17, from 12:00 – 4:00 pm at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street in Bettendorf, Iowa. The Be Ready QC Emergency Resource Fair is a family-friendly event focused on educating the public on emergency and disaster preparedness. Brian Payne, Scott County EMA Director, shared "the goal of the fair is to make our community more resilient in the face of disasters and emergency events."

The event is free and is open to the public. There will be information booths, hands-on training opportunities, activities for all ages, giveaways, and more.

A new demonstration piece this year is the Eldridge Police Department's Seat Belt Convincer, a device that simulates a low-impact collision to show the participant the value of wearing a seatbelt. Additionally, attendees will be able to experience the Blank Children's Hospital Fire Safety House (another new addition for 2025), the Police Virtual Reality Simulator, and view a bomb squad robot demonstration.

Over thirty entities will provide information on a variety of disaster related topics ranging from mental health concerns to working with your insurance company. Attendees will be able to grab a bite to eat at the Smokin Goodness food truck (food available for purchase), take part in learning sessions featuring Hands-Only CPR and Stop the Bleed, and sign up for preparedness-related door prizes.

The fair is sponsored by CAER group, Constellation, and Enviromark, with support from numerous community partners.

Visit <u>facebook.com/BeReadyQC</u> for more information.

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For further media inquiries, Scott County Emergency Management welcomes questions and speaking opportunities. Representatives can be reached at 563-484-3050.