



# County of Hamilton



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### **HAMILTON COUNTY RESIDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS STUDY**

**HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO** – Hamilton County residents and businesses can help the county update its emergency preparedness plans by participating in a voluntary online questionnaire. Feedback from the confidential 10-minute survey will enable the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA) to better serve residents and businesses before, during and after an emergency or disaster.

“Hamilton County has a continuous commitment to planning, training, and exercising response capabilities for all types of disasters,” Nick Crossley, Hamilton County EMHSA Director, said. “This voluntary and confidential questionnaire will assist our emergency preparedness staff in identifying which hazards are of most concern to our residents and businesses, as well as which services the community may need during an emergency.”

Some sample survey questions are:

- If a disaster (i.e. snow storm) impacted Hamilton County, knocking out electricity and running water, would your household be able to manage on its own for at least three (3) days?
- In an evacuation, would you or anyone in your household require special assistance?

“The success of our response to a disaster will depend on how well we have prepared in advance,” said Crossley. “The more survey responses we receive from residents and businesses, the better we will be able to prepare for an emergency.”

To fill out the questionnaire, go to: <http://prepare.community/hamilton>. The survey will remain open until October 31, 2017. For a hard copy version of the survey, please contact the Hamilton County EMHSA at Emily.Lakamp@hamilton-co.org or call 513-263-8244. Businesses interested in having their employees confidentially participate in the survey, in order to utilize the data to update their business emergency preparedness plans, may contact Hamilton County EMHSA.