



PRESS RELEASE

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 22-28, 2004

Governor Sonny Perdue has proclaimed the week of February 22-28, 2004, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is designed to educate Georgians about safety, preparedness, and response procedures for a variety of severe weather events, such as floods, hurricanes, lightning, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and winter storms.

“CEMA encourages all Chatham county residents to review their family disaster plan. This is also a good time to make sure you have disaster supplies on hand in the event of severe weather.” said Dennis Jones, Deputy Director of CEMA.

In addition to publicizing weather safety measures and severe weather events through the local news media, a statewide severe weather drill is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25. The National Weather Service will initiate the drill. Schools, churches, businesses, industries and local governments are encouraged to participate. In the event of bad weather on the day of the drill, it will be rescheduled for Friday, February 27.

For information, publications, brochures or to schedule a speaking event on severe weather preparedness contact CEMA at 912-201-4500 or visit the CEMA website at <http://cema.chathamcounty.org>