

2006 Kentucky Earthquake Preparedness Week
Schedule of Activities

Friday, January 6, 2006

Distribute advance materials to Area Offices.

Week of January 9, 2006

Media Advisory issued on activities.

Wednesday, January 25, 2006 (Proposed)

Governor Fletcher News Conference

Event is to announce activities of February 1-8. Requested to also participate should be Virginia G. Fox, Education Cabinet Secretary, Jon Akers, Executive Director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety, Dave Adkisson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a representative from the Kentucky Geological Survey, and Maxwell "Clay" Bailey, Director of the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management.

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Earthquake Town Hall Meeting
6:30 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday, February 1, 2006
Caldwell County Emergency Operations Center
102 Northfield Drive
Princeton, Kentucky 42445

Panel members from the emergency management and scientific communities will be on hand for a public discussion of the New Madrid seismic zone, emergency planning efforts, recent earthquakes, and general earthquake preparedness. There will be a 45-minute presentation followed by a 45-minute question and answer period with the panel.

Thursday, February 2, 2006

A one day training course for volunteers interested in learning the ATC-21 course on how to conduct "Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards".

The training describes a rapid visual screening procedure for identifying those buildings that might pose serious risk of loss of life and injury, or of severe curtailment of community services, in case of a damaging earthquake. The screening procedure utilizes a methodology based on a "sidewalk survey" approach that involves identification of the primary structural load resisting system and building materials, and assignment of a basic structural hazards score and performance modification factors based on observed building

characteristics. This training is for professionals in the construction and building inspection fields who will volunteer their time to conduct inspections.

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

This is the anniversary of one the largest earthquakes to occur on the continental United States. Located near Fulton County, Kentucky, it was the second strongest of three quakes to occur between December 16, 1811 and February 7, 1812.

At 10:07 the statewide Duck, Cover and Hold drill will occur. It will involve activation of the Emergency Alert System from the State Emergency Communications Center and activation of the National Weather Service Weather Alert System to announce the drill. While the Duck, Cover and Hold drill is primarily an exercise for schools in Kentucky, it is also the desire to have Kentuckians in private residences, small and large businesses, industry, and local and state government take a moment to consider how they would respond to an earthquake.