

Public can view local emergency preparedness efforts at community health fair Saturday in Trenton

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The public attending the Community Health Fair Saturday has an opportunity to learn how prepared the city of Trenton and Grundy County are in the event of a major emergency. Members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee will have displays and other information available for viewing.

Awareness of emergency preparedness efforts was a focus on an Open Line Interview this week on KTTN.

As a volunteer, Bill Britton of St. Joseph heads up the Northwest Region's Homeland Security Oversight Committee. Britton noted the regional Hazardous Materials (HAZ-MAT) response team averages 12 to 20 calls per year, and it also participates in regular drills and community festivals across a 15 county area of northwest Missouri, including Grundy County.

Britton invited the public to view a display at Trenton including a Haz-Mat trailer and the special suits emergency responders wear during cleanups such as at hazardous material spills. Britton recommends the public to prepare for emergencies.

Presiding Commissioner Rick Hull told of local preparations for housing people in the event of a large scale emergency. These include tents and churches among other locations in town.

The Director of the Emergency Planning Committee for Grundy County is Glen Briggs of Trenton. The web site is www.grundycountymoema.com.