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# News Release

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PARTNERS STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION IN 2011**

*Emergency managers urge you to work with your communities to get ready now for potential disasters*

**Dallas** – People are being encouraged to act right now, working with their communities and states to get ready for potential disasters in the future.

The Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region 6 office are partnering to increase awareness about the importance of "Whole of Community" involvement in emergency preparedness.

"The 'Whole of Community' concept is truly a long-term commitment to engaging everyone when it comes to resolving to be ready for emergencies," said FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell. "That resolve should start at the ground level with you- the individual. That resolve should extend to your city, your hometown, your county and your state."

Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief W. Nim Kidd said, "This is a great initiative. We encourage everyone in Texas to learn as much as possible about emergency preparedness."

Dallas County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins added, "Dallas County is committed to ensuring all of our citizens have access to critical information pertaining to potential disasters in our region and how to quickly be able to respond and recover."

Tools and resources are available to help people prepare for, respond to and recover from any type of disaster. Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov), the Spanish language site [www.Listo.gov](http://www.Listo.gov), [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/) or [www.KnoWhat2Do.com](http://www.KnoWhat2Do.com). These sites include important information such as how to put together a kit, make a plan and stay informed.

Note: Click on the highlighted links for downloadable interviews in [Spanish](#) and with [FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell](#) and [Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins](#).

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