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2013 Home Safety and Preparedness Expo Charleston, South Carolina

Columbia, SC – The South Carolina Department of Insurance in partnership with The Home Depot, Channel 2, WCBD-TV of Charleston, The Federal Alliance of Safe Homes, Inc. (FLASH), state and local agencies and businesses is hosting a one-day event for homeowners in the greater Charleston area. This outdoor fair will provide homeowners the information and tools that they need to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season which runs from June 1- November 30, 2013.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come out and learn valuable cost saving and life safety information that they can use not only for this storm season but for the years to come, "said Ray Farmer, Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance. "We encourage everyone to visit the Home Depot on Magwood Drive and spend some time talking with the representatives from the various exhibitors."

Representatives will be on hand to provide free demonstrations on mitigation measures such as the installation of storm shutters, roof-to-wall connectors, gable-end bracing and code plus roof retrofit techniques. Insurance companies and agencies will be available to discuss safety precautions that homeowners can take to reduce their losses in the event of a storm as well as ways to expedite the claims process after a disaster.

Numerous local, state and national organizations will be on hand to provide safety and preparedness information. Lending institutions will be available to talk about Catastrophe Savings Accounts and ways that homeowners can put money aside to help with their deductible once an event occurs.

Channel 2 Chief Meteorologist, Rob Fowler and his team will be on hand to answer questions about the upcoming hurricane season and to help homeowners program their weather radios. Door prizes will be given away and food and drinks will be available.

WHAT: Home Safety and Preparedness Expo

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 2013

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHERE: 2008 Magwood Road

Charleston, SC 29414

Exhibitors include:

Andersen Windows Ameris Bank

Roofing/Siding/Windows Consultants from Home Depot

Owens Corning Simpson Strong Tie Ridgid/Ryboi Rep 3M Window Film

Kidde

Charleston County Mosquito Control Charleston County Emergency Management Services

United States Coast Guard

Charleston County Fire Department

Charleston County Building Services/ Flood Mitigation Program

Red Cross

Scotts Company

Flotec Pumps

Charleston Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

State Farm Insurance Companies

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Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)

Allstate

SC Safe Home

SC Safe Home Participating Contractors

Heritage Construction, LLC.

Daniel Kary

Eric Morton

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Chris White

Joseph Swails

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The South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association

C.T. Lowndes Agency

Charleston County Humane Society

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