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GREAT CENTRAL U.S. SHAKEOUT

PEARL – Even though Earthquake Awareness Week in Mississippi is winding down it does not mean Mississippi families and residents should stop preparing for a possible seismic event. On Feb. 7 at 10:15 a.m. everyone in our state is encouraged to take part in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut. The ShakeOut is a nine state, coordinated earthquake drill.

Residents in Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee will all **drop, cover and hold on** during that drill. Knowing what to do if an earthquake hits will make sure fewer people are injured during an event.

To participate in the ShakeOut just visit the MEMA website at www.msema.org and click on the ShakeOut button on the front page, or visit the ShakeOut website directly at www.shakeout.org/centralus/. There is no cost to register and everybody, from individuals, families, faith based organizations, businesses and schools are encouraged to take part in this tremendous teaching opportunity.

“The ShakeOut is a great opportunity for all of us to practice our earthquake safety plan, said MEMA Director Robert Latham. “That means learning and sharing with your family and friends how to **drop, cover and hold on** and identifying the safest place to take cover in each room of your home. Individual and family preparedness is the most important step to saving lives.”

For information on preparing an all-hazards disaster preparedness kit and tips for protecting your property against earthquake damage, visit MEMA online at www.msema.org and click the “Preparedness” link. Additional information is available from Central United States Earthquake Consortium at www.cusec.org, the U.S. Geological Survey at www.usgs.gov and from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov.

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