



Press Release Hinds County EMA

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Hinds County Prepares for Possibility of Ebola Virus

Hinds County, MS – Monday, October 20, 2014: The Hinds County Emergency Management Agency is working very closely with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Department of Environmental Quality and area hospitals to ensure the safety of the citizens of Hinds County and its first responders in the event that an ebola case is confirmed.

Hinds County was awarded a \$10,000 Homeland Security Grant for Hazardous Materials Equipment. This grant was used to purchase Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for the first responders in the county to use if/when they respond to a call where a case of ebola is suspected.

Hinds County Fire Coordinator, Ricky Moore called an emergency meeting with the fire chiefs in Hinds County (including 12 volunteer departments, City of Jackson, City of Byram and City of Clinton) and representatives from American Medical Response (AMR) to distribute up to date information received from the Mississippi State Department of Health. This information included protocols for 911 dispatchers within the Public Safety Answering Points in Hinds County and the proper use of PPE and decontamination procedures during and following a call involving a possible ebola patient.

All information distributed or shared by the Hinds County Emergency Management Agency has been taken directly from materials provided by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

For additional information about this press release, please contact the Hinds County Emergency Management Agency at 601-968-6771.

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