



## Home Safety and Preparedness Expo, an Energizing Success!

The South Carolina Department of Insurance in partnership with The Home Depot and Channel 2, WCBD-TV hosted the Home Safety and Preparedness Expo Saturday, June 8, 2013. The Expo was held at the Home Depot located at 2008 Magwood Road, Charleston, South Carolina.

The outdoor event was held under a large tent and representatives from the various booths were available to provide brief presentations about the services and products they provide that help homeowners strengthen their homes against the severe winds associated with hurricanes and natural disasters. Many of the strengthening measures and techniques presented also help homeowners cut costs and save money.



Twenty-seven exhibitors participated in the event which began at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m. The following local, state, federal and private organizations participated in the event: Allstate, Andersen Windows, South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association, Charleston County Emergency Management Services and CERT Team, Nationwide, Flotec Pumps, The South Carolina Insurance News Service, The United States Coast Guard, State Farm Insurance Companies, SC Safe Home, The Red Cross of the Low Country, Aaron's Public Adjustment, Inc., The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH), Scotts Company, The SC Department of Insurance, Division of Consumer Services and Market Assistance Program, Charleston County Project Impact, Ryobi Tools, C.T. Lowndes

Insurance Agency, The Charleston County Humane Society, Charleston County Mosquito Control, Lowcountry Hurricane Protection and others.

Throughout the event, representatives spoke to the crowd of more than 400 about the various mitigation measures, retrofit techniques and safety tips their organizations provided. Speakers also provided money-saving tips and cost cutting measures to help homeowners save on their insurance, energy and construction costs.

After an outstanding day of important information sharing, partners gather to begin discussions for next year's event. Information about the upcoming event will be posted on the Department's website, [www.doi.sc.gov](http://www.doi.sc.gov). For additional information, please contact the Public Information Officer at 803-737-6207.

