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Home Safety and Preparedness Expo, an Energizing Success

Columbia-This past Saturday, The South Carolina Department of Insurance with The Home Depot and Channel 2, WCBD-TV held an exciting event at the Home Depot located on Magwood Drive in Charleston, SC. Twenty-seven exhibitors met with more than 400 residents from the surrounding communities to help them learn ways to prepare and strengthen their homes against the damaging winds associated with hurricanes and severe wind events.

“Tropical storm Andrea was a very real reminder that South Carolina is vulnerable to severe wind events and hurricanes,” said Ray Farmer, Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance. “I want to thank our partners in helping us share important information with our residents about techniques and measures they can take to prepare themselves for these types of events.”

The event was held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and was free to the public. Exhibitors included but were not limited to: The Channel 2 Storm Team, Charleston County Project Impact, The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Allstate, The South Carolina Insurance News Service, The Red Cross, Charleston County CERT, SC Safe Home, Heritage Construction, LLC., State Farm Insurance Companies, Andersen Windows, C.T. Lowndes Agency, Nationwide, Ryobi, The South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association, Sakrete, The Home Depot and The Charleston County Humane Society.

Photographs taken during the event can be viewed in the photo gallery on our website. For more information regarding this release, please contact Ann Roberson at 803-737-6207.

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