## ****One Year Later Earthquake Preparedness Takes Center Stage****

This Thursday, August 23, marks the one year anniversary of the magnitude 5.8 earthquake which took place in Mineral, Virginia and was felt up and down the East Coast. The anniversary stands as a reminder that earthquakes can happen anytime and anywhere. Knowing what to do [before, during and after](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&114&&&http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes) an earthquake is critical. To emphasize this fact, the Commonwealth of Virginia along with California, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Guam, Idaho, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina and Washington will [Drop, Cover and Hold On](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&115&&&http://citizencorps.gov/cc/goodbye.do?url=http://www.dropcoverholdon.org/)during [Great ShakeOut](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&116&&&http://citizencorps.gov/cc/goodbye.do?url=http://www.shakeout.org/) events scheduled to take place on **October 18, 2012 at 10:18 a.m.** local time! [Check to see](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&116&&&http://citizencorps.gov/cc/goodbye.do?url=http://www.shakeout.org/) if the Great ShakeOut is coming to your area and be sure to [register today](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&116&&&http://citizencorps.gov/cc/goodbye.do?url=http://www.shakeout.org/) so you can take part in this important drill!