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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **STORM PREP 2009 Gets you Ready for Hurricane Season** *-- Free Expo at the Miami Beach Convention Center --*

**Miami Beach, FL** -- Hurricane season has not even begun and a tropical or sub-tropical system is already stirring near Florida. Are you ready for a hurricane this year?

The City of Miami Beach, in conjunction with Miami-Dade County and the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and the Keys, are collaborating to host Storm Prep 2009 at the Miami Beach Convention Center Hall D on **Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Entrance and parking are free.

Storm Prep Expo is a not-for-profit event aimed at raising hurricane preparedness awareness among Miami-Dade County residents and businesses. Exhibitors include municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County and private businesses geared toward hurricane information, preparedness and supplies. Register to win portable generators, NOAA weather radios, gift certificates and other great prizes.

Special guests for Storm Prep 2009 include pro basketball star Alonzo Mourning; Max Mayfield, former director of the National Hurricane Center; WFOR/Channel 4 Chief Meteorologist David Bernard; and many others.

City of Miami Beach departments will also be on hand to provide information and materials relevant to hurricane preparation specifically for Miami Beach residents and businesses, including what to do before, during and after a storm. Free Miami Beach Hurricane Guides (bilingual) will also be available. The Miami Beach Fire Department will also provide free blood pressure screenings. On Sunday, May 31, the Miami Beach Police K-9 Unit will offer a demonstration.

Miami Beach is in zone A evacuation zone. Evacuations are determined on the hurricane's track and projected storm surge, independent of the hurricane's category. Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30.

For more information, go to <http://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/> or call 3-1-1.

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