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April 'Storytellers' Features Rutherford County EMA Director T. K. Kast

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency is charged with the overall responsibility of coordinating the county's preparedness for and response to disasters. Rutherford EMA and its director, Ret. Lt. Colonel Tharrel "T.K." Kast, are featured in the April episode of "Murfreesboro Storytellers" on CityTV.

The April 2015 episode can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/1FBy5txfQIs>. Storytellers, hosted by John Hood, airs on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The interview with EMA Director Tharrel "T.K." Kast features the following topics:

- The four major areas of focus for the agency: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Director Kast discusses how the agency would respond to an emergency, including the use of the old armory as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and bringing-in emergency service personnel throughout the county.
- Kast also addresses severe weather season and how individuals and families should be prepared in the event of severe weather, flooding or other disaster events.

The mission of the Emergency Management Agency is to develop a comprehensive emergency management program that seeks to: mitigate the effects of various hazards, to prepare for measures which will preserve life and minimize damage, to respond during emergencies, to provide assistance, and to establish a recovery system to return the community to a normal status after an event. For more information on Rutherford EMA, visit <http://www.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/ema/> or call 615-898-7764.

You can watch "Murfreesboro Storytellers" on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99). You can view the program online by visiting <https://youtu.be/1FBy5txfQIs> or www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

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Photos attached captions:

CityTVs John Hood interviews Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Ret. Lt. Colonel Tharrel "T.K." Kast.

1. *L/R John Hood, Ret. Lt. Col. Tharrel "T.K." Kast, Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency director.jpg.*