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Evacuation Signs to be Installed on Calvert County Roadways *Identification of Evacuation Routes is Funded by Homeland Security Grant Program*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 17, 2011 – Calvert County evacuation routes will soon be clearly marked as an effort to install 54 evacuation road signs begins this spring. The signs will be installed on state-maintained roadways throughout the county by June 1.

The blue circular signs feature the wording “EVACUATION ROUTE” in white along with arrows pointing straight, right or left. They will be installed approximately every 2.5 miles by Maryland State Highway Administration crews. Funds from the federal Department of Homeland Security are being used for the project.

The signs denote normal evacuation routes to be used in the event of an evacuation ordered by the Maryland governor or local government officials due to an extreme emergency. Evacuation routes may change, however, depending on the nature of the emergency and residents would be directed by local emergency management officials.

To learn more about emergency preparedness, evacuation procedures and more, contact the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, at 410-535-1600 ext. 2638 or visit us online at www.co.cal.md.us.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.