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Emergency Management to participate with students of Horace Mann Elementary in ShakeOut

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will take part in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut with the students of Horace Mann Elementary School on Tuesday, February 7.

Robert Taylor, director of Greene County's Community Emergency Response Team, will spend the morning with Horace Mann Elementary School's kindergarten students at 3745 S. Broadway. Taylor will discuss with students how they can best protect themselves during an earthquake and will participate with them in a multi-state "Drop, Cover & Hold On" drill at 10:15 a.m. Horace Mann is one of 329 Missouri schools participating in the ShakeOut. Members of the media are encouraged to attend.

This event marks the 200th anniversary of a magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck near New Madrid, Missouri in 1812. The earthquake was powerful enough to be felt on the East Coast.

For more information about the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, visit <http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/index.html>. For more information about the drill at Horace Mann Elementary School, contact the Springfield-Greene County OEM at 417-869-6040; or Warren Robinson, Springfield-Greene County OEM Public Information Officer, at 417-861-2478.