



MEDIA RELEASE

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Thank You

"I would like to thank the citizens of St. Mary's County for their cooperative efforts during yesterday's earthquake and the aftermath. The public remained calm, allowed additional time when traveling during the afternoon commute and was extremely helpful in notifying county officials of potential hazards. The St. Mary's County Department of Public Safety activated the Emergency Operation Center to monitor the situation and respond to the post-event needs of the community.

I would also like to commend the professionalism of the emergency dispatchers who received an extremely high number of 911 calls immediately following the earthquake. The dispatchers were able to address callers' inquiries and dispel rumors.

Although some buildings received minor structural damage, I am happy to report no one was injured. Again thank you for all of your efforts. Working together, we were able to maintain safety and keep a potentially hazardous situation from becoming chaotic." (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)

