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The Communiqué- National Preparedness Month Edition

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**A Time to Remember.
A Time to Prepare.**

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PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a program DPS participates in annually. In honor of the 10 year anniversary of the 2001 September 11th attacks, the theme this year is “A Time to Remember, A Time to Prepare”. The Ready Campaign, and National Preparedness Month programs were created in response to the September 11th attacks and the rising need for Americans to prepare not only for potential terrorist events, but natural disasters as well.

This is the 5th year that DPS is participating in National Preparedness Month as a Coalition Member! DPS will offer their traditional

NPM programs to community groups and business during September. These programs focus on building home preparedness kits, creating an emergency plan with your family and learning how to stay informed before and during an emergency. Business programs focus on the importance of continuity planning and how to create an effective plan to protect your employees and business during an emergency.

DPS will also be taking advantage of NPM to launch a new social networking initiative. While DPS already has a Facebook page, we now can also be found on Twitter and on Blogger.com. Like our Facebook account, our Twitter account will be

used to update residents of important emergency information, weather alerts, road closures and important safety tips! Our new Blog will be utilized to highlight accomplishments of DPS and our collaborative parties, discuss important trends and topics in home and business preparedness and much more! We hope you will “like” us, “follow” us and provide us with feedback on our new ventures! DPS does realize that not all of our residents are social networkers, so we will also maintain our traditional means of communicating! Remember, GET A KIT, MAKE A PLAN AND STAY INFORMED!

Cumberland County Preparedness Month

Preparedness Links...

www.fema.gov

www.dhs.gov

www.ready.gov

www.pema.state.pa.us

www.cdc.gov

www.ccpa.net/publicsafety



The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners have proclaimed September as Preparedness Month in Cumberland County! On August 22nd Commissioners signed the proclamation during their weekly meeting. This is Cumberland County's 5th year participating in this program.

Creating an Emergency Kit on a Budget

Creating an emergency supply kit all at once can be rather expensive and impossible task for most families. But you can build one over time on a budget! Here are a few easy tips to help you create an affordable kit!

- Collect essential supplies first (water, food, medication and a flashlight)
- Rather than buying bottled water, save empty milk, soda or juice containers, clean and fill with tap water.
- Look for 2 for 1 deals at the grocery store, place 1 in your cupboard, 1 in your kit (non perishable foods only).
- Buy items when you see them on sale
- Look for items at dollar stores or second hand stores
- Put away \$10 a week for your kit cash stash
- Buy crank radios and flashlights, so that you do not have to continuously buy batteries
- Ask for supply items as gifts on your holiday wish lists
- Utilize coupons for food, sanitary and first aid items
- Recycle your old gear—boots, gloves, flashlights, tools, uniforms, and bedding in your emergency supply kit.
- Don't buy unnecessary items, build a kit to fit your families needs
- Trade one night out to fund your 72-hour kit. Taking a family of four to the movies can cost upwards of \$80. Just one night staying in could fund your basic kit.

Supply Kit List

- Water
- Non-perishable food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air along with plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Cash
- Change of clothes
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches or a lighter
- Feminine supplies/personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper, pencil, books, games, puzzles, activities for children

Special Considerations

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet

**Every family is unique, so your kit will be as well. Create your kit with your family's unique needs in mind.*



READY RESPONDER

It's a question rarely asked of emergency responders during a disaster, who is taking care of your family while you take care of the community. A new initiative by Ready.gov brings this question to the forefront and encourages responders to make sure they have a plan in place, so that when disaster strikes, their home and family are prepared, allowing them to be free to assist the community.

Things to consider:

- Lack of a family emergency plan affects your ability to respond
- Family will need to survive for extended period without you
- Consider working with neighbors, relatives and friends to help care for and assist your family while you are gone
- Dual first responder families?
- Communications with loved ones may be difficult or impossible during an emergency
- How will working in very stressful situations for extended periods of time affect you and your family
- You may not know the condition of your family or home

Organizational Considerations

- It is important and imperative that organizations sponsor programs for their members and their families during disasters
- Encourage members to have family emergency plans
- Develop a communications plan to help members stay in contact with their family during the disaster
- Consider sheltering member's families
- Consider assisting with childcare for member's children

For more information on this program visit <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/responder.html>



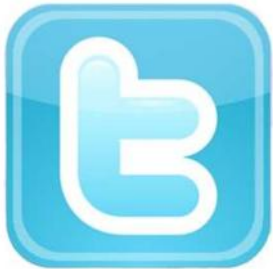
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The purpose of this blog is to create an open dialog with the citizens we serve! We will use this site as a way to highlight DPS accomplishments, discuss preparedness tips, current trends and topics in home and business preparedness and to communicate with you before, during and after a disaster! We encourage you to leave comments, questions and some of your very own emergency preparedness tips and success stories!

Remembering First Responders Lost 9/11/01

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