

National Preparedness Month

Storehouse On-Air Training

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September is National Preparedness month. This is a great time assess our personal readiness, both temporal and spiritual. Assess our family's needs and preparedness level. Remember, our needs change as circumstances change, as children grow, and as our available resources change.

The official website of National Preparedness month is <http://ready.gov/september>.

The website has broken the month into four different areas of focus:

Week 1: Flood

Week 2: Wildfire

Week 3: Hurricane

Week 4: Power Outage

It may be beneficial to modify the schedule and replace certain topics that are more pertinent to you and your family. For example, those of you that live in the center of a metropolis such as Idaho Falls or Rexburg, may not be as susceptible to wildfire. Maybe you could focus more on "home fire" preparedness.

None of us live in a hurricane zone. Maybe we could use week 3 to learn about and prepare for earthquakes.

September, or any time, would be a great time to review our Emergency Contact information on the ERC website and update the copies we have distributed to family members, our priesthood leaders, and other ERC operators. To update your Emergency Contact Sheet, login to the ERC website. Click on "Update Profile" at the very top of the page. Then click on "Edit my emergency contact sheet". Make your changes and don't forget to click the "Update" button at the bottom of the page to save your changes.

I heard an announcement about Jefferson and Madison teaming up on a Preparedness Fair in Rexburg on September 5. Can anyone confirm the announcement and provide further details? If so, please come now with your call sign phonetically.

[Repeat the details, if given]

National Preparedness month culminates on September 30 with National PrepareAthon Day. FEMA has designated this day as the day practice what you've prepared for. In addition to your own families, I would encourage you to mention this date to Preparedness Specialists in your ward and even to your priesthood leadership and suggest that this may be an opportunity to revisit the emergency communication plans that were exercised in June.

At this point some of you may be wondering about the fall ERC exercise penciled in on the calendar on October 10. We have not received any further direction from Area Authorities regarding that event. We do not know if it will occur or what it might entail.

This concludes this evening's training. This is _____. Back to net control.