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National Preparedness Month

New Braunfels, TX – New Braunfels Office of Emergency Management and New Braunfels Community Emergency Response Team (NBCERT) encourage all citizens to participate in National Preparedness Month. During September information following the themes set by the Department of Homeland Security will be shared nationally to bring awareness to topics such as disaster costs, insurance policies and coverage for floods, fires, earthquakes and tornados, making a plan and practical safety steps such as shutting off water and gas.

Themes for National Preparedness Month include:

Sept 1-7: Save Early for Disaster Cost

Sept 8-14: Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters

Sept 15-21: Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters

Sept 22-30: Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness

“Emergencies and disasters come in all degrees and at all times; businesses, families, schools, and communities should be prepared,” said Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Cardiel. “We urge citizens to review the information we have available at <http://www.nbtexas.org/1835/Emergency-Preparedness> and to plan ahead. Everyone is also encouraged to learn about local warning sirens and plan what to do should they be activated.”

Information about the City's siren system may be viewed at:

<http://www.nbtexas.org/DocumentCenter/View/2201/Alert-Notification-Siren-System?bidId=>

In addition, the Office of Emergency Management and NBCERT recommends families take the free Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web-based training ***Until Help Arrives*** to learn five basic skills. The topics are: Calling 911, Staying Safe, Stopping the Bleed, Positioning the Injured and Providing Comfort. This training is available at: <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives> .

“NBCERT also offers free training with the FEMA G-317 CERT BASIC TRAINING Course,” Cardiel noted. “This 24-hour course teaches the basics in Disaster Psychology, Disaster Preparations, Basic Disaster Medical First Aid and Fire Safety - ending with a disaster simulation drill. Reservations are required for this free training, space is limited, and the next classes are scheduled for January 2020. Email: nbcertoffice@gmail.com for additional information.”

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