



## National Preparedness Month 2008

### *Suggested Activities*

- Register your organization as a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member on [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). An icon can be found on the bottom right side of the home page.
- Post local National Preparedness Month events on [ready.adcouncil.org/eventcalendar](http://ready.adcouncil.org/eventcalendar).
- Use the National Preparedness Month Resource CD to get templates for public service announcements, press releases, Web banners, videos, flyers, posters, etc.
- Schedule a guest speaker for a monthly or weekly meeting who focuses on emergency preparedness. Contact the WV Commission for National and Community Service or local officials for ideas on appropriate guest speakers.
- Give an emergency preparedness quiz to individuals and groups in the community as part of events/meetings (Sample quiz is found on your National Preparedness Month Resources CD).
- Post flyers or posters in places such as the following:
  - Libraries
  - Community centers
  - Nursing homes
  - Schools
  - Churches
  - Apartment management offices
  - Places of employment
  - Restaurants
  - Retail establishments
  - Grocery stores
  - Gas stations
  - Fitness centers
  - Hospitals
  - Doctor's offices
  - Transportation hubs
  - Childcare facilities
- Participate in "Ready West Virginia" weekend (September 27-28) by hosting or coordinating a Citizen Corps service project or distributing preparedness information at a local high-foot-traffic point.
- Display emergency kits in lobbies of office locations and show preparedness video (found on the National Preparedness Month Resource CD) on lobby televisions.
- Include preparedness-focused stories in your September newsletter or on your organization's web site.
- Visit the following web sites for additional resources:

- Main disaster preparedness resource page:  
<http://nationalserviceresources.org/service-activities/disaster-preparedness-and-response>
  - A community anthology (book information):  
<http://nationalserviceresources.org/library/items/R3164>
  - National Preparedness Month materials from the Fire Corps:  
[http://www.firecorps.org/page/743/Fire\\_Corps\\_National\\_Preparedness\\_Month\\_Resource\\_Center.htm](http://www.firecorps.org/page/743/Fire_Corps_National_Preparedness_Month_Resource_Center.htm)
  - Preparedness “E-Card” from the American Red Cross:  
[http://www.redcross.org/services/ecard/npm/index\\_flash.asp](http://www.redcross.org/services/ecard/npm/index_flash.asp)
  - Disaster resources from the Corporation for National and Community Service: <http://nationalserviceresources.org/disaster-resources>
  - American Red Cross preparedness resources:  
<http://www.redcross.org/flash/brr/English-flash/default.asp>
- Consider activities that correspond with the weekly themes of National Preparedness Month. The weekly themes are:
    - Week 1 (Sept. 1-6): Get an Emergency Preparedness Kit
    - Week 2 (Sept. 7-20): Make an Emergency Preparedness Plan
    - Week 3 (Sept. 21-27): Be Informed
    - Week 4 (Sept. 28-30): Get Involved
- Notify the West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service if you host or plan an event or service project around National Preparedness Month. Contact Heather Foster at 304-558-0111 or email her at [hfooster@mail.state.wv.us](mailto:hfooster@mail.state.wv.us). Please include the following:
    - Date and Time of Event
    - Event Description (Title and Important Details)
    - Event Attendees (Can be a general synopsis)
    - Location of Event
    - Host Organizations (Do not forget to include the name of the Citizen Corps Council(s) and any Citizen Corps Partners – MRC units, CERTs, etc.)
    - Local Contact