

September is National Preparedness Month!



National Preparedness Month (NPM) is FEMA's annual awareness campaign to bring attention to the need for all citizens to minimize risks by preparing themselves for unexpected emergencies.

The campaign is sponsored in partnership with **Citizen Corps**, FEMA's grassroots organization that brings together local government, responders and community leaders to promote all-hazards emergency preparedness. Citizen Corps members serve their communities by receiving training in emergency skills and volunteering to support local emergency response, disaster relief and community safety efforts.

In the City of Saint Paul, the Saint Paul Department of Emergency Management is responsible for coordination of the City's response to emergency situations and disasters such as:

- Severe weather
- Flooding
- National events
- Hazardous material incidents
- Mass casualty incidents
- Acts of terrorism
- And much more

To accomplish this the Department of Emergency Management has developed the City's Emergency Operations Plan, or the EOP. This plan provides the framework upon which the City of St. Paul prepares for, responds to, and performs its emergency response functions.

Each department or office should ensure that emergency contact lists for each employee are correct and updated so that each employee can be contacted in the event of an emergency that may affect them.

At home, you are responsible for ensuring that you and your family are safe in the event of an emergency. www.ready.gov is a website that has various resources for the public to prepare for an emergency. You can download family emergency plan templates and can download an emergency supply kit checklist from this website.

Remember Safety is No Accident!