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September is National Preparedness Month

2018 Preparedness Theme – Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

BOISE – Disasters in recent years in both Idaho, and across the country are a reminder of the importance of you and your family being prepared. September is National Preparedness Month, an opportunity to ensure that individuals, and families are aware of the threats, and hazards in their communities. Talk to your family and make sure you have a plan, and adequate emergency supplies for when disasters happen.

“Something as simple as an emergency preparedness kit for your vehicle, and your home is critically important,” said IOEM Director Brad Richy. “Emergency managers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, and other emergency responders do an outstanding job of keeping us safe, but they cannot do it alone. We encourage all Idahoans to discuss what their family’s emergency plan is should a disaster occur.”

Throughout the month of September the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) is sharing important preparedness information on Facebook and Twitter @IdahoOEM for when the unexpected happens. This includes how to:

- Be informed about what kind of threats and hazards might occur where you live, work or visit
- Make a plan that includes your specific health and safety needs. Make sure to include the wellbeing of your pets when planning.
- Your emergency kit should include enough food, water, and medical supplies for your needs to last at least 72 hours.

For more information on how to be prepared visit <https://www.ready.gov/>

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