



National Preparedness Month - September 2015

This September marks the twelfth annual observance of National Preparedness Month. By fostering a culture of preparedness, our Army has made great strides in strengthening our ability to prepare for, mitigate, prevent, respond to and recover from the effects of natural or man-made disasters. From the 2015 winter storms to wildfires and spring flooding in the western United States, the decisive responses by our units and installations demonstrated the value of timely planning and partnership building with surrounding jurisdictions.

To ensure our Army remains ready to support the American people and our communities, and to reinforce individual responsibility for preparedness, we encourage the entire Army community to prepare by applying the Ready Army tenets: *be informed, make a plan, build a kit and get involved.*

As in past years, we will continue to work in concert with the Federal Emergency Management Agency by participating in the "America's PrepareAthon!" campaign and National Day of Action on 30 September. We encourage everyone to *take action, be counted and spread the word.* Your efforts have made a tremendous positive impact, and your continued participation in preparedness activities will posture the Army to better serve America in the future. Please visit the Ready Army website (<http://www.ready.army.mil/>) to join the "America's PrepareAthon!" campaign and find out more about supporting emergency preparedness and resilience.

Responsibility for the safety and resiliency of our Army lies with each Soldier, Family member and Civilian. Our commitment to national safety extends beyond our ranks and into our communities. Again, during this year's observance of National Preparedness Month, we encourage leaders to promote an atmosphere of local hazard identification, risk mitigation and all-hazard planning. Army Strong!

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