

September is National Preparedness Month

When it comes to surviving natural or man-made disasters preparation is the key. National Preparedness Month is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Each September Americans are encouraged to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

“September is the peak of hurricane season in Florida. We encourage Sarasota County residents to be prepared by establishing a family disaster plan that includes knowing evacuation routes and locations of shelters, getting their hurricane survival kits together and ensuring that family members with special needs and pets are included in those plans,” said Robert Day, operations chief for Sarasota County Emergency Management.

All residents should prepare enough clothing, food and water and medications to last at least one week. Residents who have established a family disaster plan in previous years are encouraged to review it. “The better prepared our communities are, the better they will be able to withstand a disaster event,” said Day.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.