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National Preparedness Month an opportunity to take stock

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NEW BRAUNFELS — September is National Preparedness Month, which provides an opportunity for Comal County residents to make sure they're ready for unexpected emergencies.

Comal County's Office of Emergency Management is marking the month by reminding residents to prepare themselves now for eventual disasters.

“One year after Hurricane Harvey, we want people to remember that disasters happen, and that they should ‘prepare now and learn how,’” said Jeff Kelley, the county’s emergency management coordinator. “Whether that’s learning CPR and first aid, checking your insurance policies, or making sure you have supplies handy for an extended period without electricity, residents have plenty of options to help keep themselves and their families safe and healthy during a disaster.”

Preparedness goes beyond floods, storms and other disasters that have struck Comal County in recent years, Kelley said. Residents should make sure they're prepared for extremes in temperature and to save a life, regardless of the situation.

To keep up-to-date on local conditions in the event of a disaster, bookmark comalcountyeoc.org, which contains links to lake and river levels, weather radar, road closures and other information. Also, make sure to follow the Comal County and Comal County Emergency Management Facebook pages, facebook.com/comal.county and facebook.com/CCOEM2, respectively.

Residents also should make sure to register their cell phones to make sure they receive emergency alerts tied to their home and/or work addresses by following the link from the comalcountyeoc.org webpage.

For regional preparedness information, residents can visit readysouthtexas.gov and the New Braunfels-based National Weather Service office for forecasts and other information at weather.gov/newbraunfels.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security maintains ready.gov, a website with resources, checklists, tips and other helpful information for being prepared in the event of a disaster or other emergency.

“While we don’t live in tornado alley or the hurricane-prone Gulf Coast, it is nonetheless important for us to be prepared for unexpected events, especially flash flooding and extreme heat,” Kelley said. “History has taught us that severe weather is no stranger to South-Central Texas, so being prepared is vital to keeping you and your family safe.”

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