

City of McKinney Office of Emergency Management



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TO: Paul Grimes, City Manager

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SUBJECT: National Preparedness Month Talking Points

- National Preparedness Month creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of McKinney to prepare their home, business, and community for any type of emergency including natural, technological, and human caused events.
- The 2023 National Preparedness Month theme is **Preparing for Older Adults**. We know older adults can face greater risks when it comes to a multitude of extreme weather events and emergencies we now face, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas.
- During an emergency, every second counts, and emergency preparedness programs educate individuals and families on how to prepare before, during, and after a disaster.
- Throughout the month of September, the McKinney Office of Emergency Management in collaboration with Library Services and Communications and Marketing will provide KnowWhat2Do! preparedness bags and weekly messaging via McKinney social media to help you and your family plan for disasters with all our loved ones in mind, especially older adults.
- Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of everyone, and all McKinney residents are encouraged to plan for emergencies and disasters by picking up a KnowWhat2Do! preparedness bag at the Ron and Helen Hall Memorial Library or the John and Judy Gay Public Library during the month of September.

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