

City of McKinney Office of Emergency Management



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TO: Paul Grimes, City Manager
FROM: Karen Adkins, Emergency Management Administrator
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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 2024 National Preparedness Month theme is **preparing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities for risks and disasters**. A recent survey highlighted these communities, amongst others, feeling a lack of confidence in their ability to prepare for disaster. To support McKinney's AANHPI communities, we will be providing special translations of preparedness materials in Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, and Vietnamese at the libraries.
- 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 KnoWhat2Do! 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.
- Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of everyone and all McKinney residents are encouraged to plan ahead for emergencies and disasters by picking up a KnoWhat2Do! 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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