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Media Advisory

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management/ Homeland Security Partners with Southern Nevada Emergency Management and University of Nevada, Las Vegas for National Preparedness Month

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (NDEM), Southern Nevada Emergency Management Agencies and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) participate in National Preparedness Month and to increase the public's awareness to plan ahead.

NDEM, in conjunction with Southern Nevada emergency response and emergency management partners, will participate in Emergency Preparedness activities at the Sam Boyd Stadium on Saturday, September 7th during the first home game of UNLV Football as they host the University of Arizona.

WHO: Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, Southern Nevada Emergency Management and Public Safety Agencies and University of Nevada, Las Vegas

WHAT: September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), first established after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S., a fitting time to join the effort to help our community prepare for an emergency. Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it takes a whole community.

National Preparedness Month is an effort to strengthen the United States preparedness capabilities. The national preparedness architecture encompasses prevention, protection, response, and recovery efforts to prepare the United States for all hazards – whether terrorist attack or natural disaster. Sponsored by the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps, this year's National Preparedness Month will focus on strengthening our communities through public events and online communities.

WHEN: Saturday, September 7, 2013

WHERE: Sam Boyd Stadium, 7000 E Russell Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89122

TIME: The preparedness activities begin at 3:30 p.m. until the start of the game at 7:30 p.m.

WHY: Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere without notice. Households, businesses and organizations should prepare in the event an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities, electricity, or water, without access to a supermarket or local services or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue. Preparing can start with four important steps: Be informed about emergencies that could happen, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency. Build an emergency supply kit. Get involved.

ACTIVITIES: Emergency Vehicles Display and Demonstrations

Emergency responders will be on hand to answer questions, provide informational brochures, and demonstrate the varied capabilities used to keep Southern Nevada citizens safe to include:

- The 92d Civil Support Team will display capabilities of three of vehicles (Unified Command Vehicle, Hazardous Response Truck, and Medical Response Truck)
- NDEM will display their Satellite Communications Vehicle, one of only three in the Nevada.
- Clark County will display their interactive “Emergency Disaster in the House” vehicle
- NV Highway Patrol will display capabilities of 4 vehicles (Mobile Command Center, Patrol sedan and motorcycle, and enforcement truck).
- The local chapter of the American Red Cross will display their Emergency Response Vehicle
- NDF will display a Brush Truck and Crew Truck used recently in the Carpenter 1 fire
- NDOT will have an Emergency Response Utility Truck
- Clark County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Races Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Service will display their Mobile Communication Vehicles
- NV Energy will display their Emergency Utility Truck

Home Disaster Kit

- A Home Disaster Kit will be displayed to demonstrate the ease and low cost investment of having a Disaster Kit ready to go at a moment’s notice. Sample items include:
 - Food and water
 - Toiletries and personal hygiene
 - Protective clothing
 - Tools and safety items
 - First aid kit and medical supplies
 - Other miscellaneous self-help, survivor items

Emergency Preparedness Brochures and Pamphlets

- Several emergency preparedness and self-help brochures will be available addressing items such as:
 - Preparing for Floods and Wildfires
 - Developing a Family Disaster Kit

Pre-Game Flag Ceremony

- Over 190 volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other volunteers groups will team up with Nellis Air Force base personnel to participate in a pre-game flag ceremony

More information about National Preparedness Month go to www.dem.nv.gov.

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