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Media Release

The Nevada Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management Partners with Southern Nevada Emergency Management and University of Nevada, Las Vegas for National Preparedness Month – "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

September is National Preparedness Month and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM), 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 12th during the nationally televised game where the University Nevada Las Vegas's (UNLV) Rebels take on the University California Los Angeles (UCLA).

As part of these Preparedness Activities, a collection of emergency vehicles used by responders will be on display in front of Sam Boyd Stadium. These vehicles will be set up in a high-traffic area, and will attract the attention of fans as they celebrate before the game, and on their way in to the event. This placement allows the opportunity for our responders to interact with the public, describe our roles during emergencies/disasters, and educate the public on how they can best be prepared for the unexpected.

WHO: The Nevada Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management, Southern Nevada emergency response and emergency management partners, Public Safety Agencies, Military 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.

WHEN: Saturday, September 12, 2015

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

TIME: The pre-game "preparedness" activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with emergency response vehicles on display and agency booths until kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES: Pre-game support to honor responders and military begins at approximately 7:00pm

- This includes a 25+ member honor guard comprised of multiple local and state honor guards, bagpipers and drums
- The playing of "Amazing Grace" to honor fallen heroes
- The singing of the National Anthem by a local fire fighter
- Game coin toss with General Doser and Staff Sgt. Pinedo and wounded warrior Page 1 of 2

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- Game kick off time is 7:30pm
- Inclusion of military service as part of recognition of those who serve and protect (responders and military)

WHY: Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere without notice. Preparing can start with four important steps:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency.
- 3. Build an emergency supply kit.
- 4. Get involved.

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.

In order the thank responders within the community, UNLV recognize responders in front of the crowd at the Sam Boyd Stadium.

UNLV will also be honoring responders by offering discounted admission of \$9.00. The attached flier may be distributed within your organization in order to notify your staff of this opportunity.

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