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PRESS RELEASE

This September: A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare

This September, our nation will mark the ten year anniversary of 9/11. National Preparedness Month* (NPM) was an event founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness across the U.S. We encourage households, business and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

Being prepared in the event an emergency helps you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue. Preparing can start with three important steps:

1. Get an emergency supply kit
2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
3. Be informed about emergencies that could happen in your community, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency.

Join us for our **3rd annual Disaster Awareness and Safety Day, Saturday Sept. 10, 10-4pm** in the parking lot at the Rushmore Crossing Shopping Center.

- Ellsworth AFB, 9/11 Memorial Walk (10-mile), ending at Rushmore Crossing, 9/11 World Trade Center Beam on Display
- See the live Fire Sprinkler demonstration and various Emergency Vehicles and how responders are ready for disasters
- Kids take a walk through the Fire Safety Smokehouse
- Scheel's Hunter Safety information and demonstrations
- Learn how to prepare for your pet before disaster strikes
- Youth and Family Services, FREE Face Painting
- Be safe and "Don't thump your melon" get FREE bike helmets
- Tips from Early Childhood Connection on car seat installation
- See various Emergency Response Vehicles here in Pennington County
- Enjoy free hot dogs while you look around, and much more.

Visit rcpcem.com for full list of participants.

You are the best one to take care of you and your family. Be your own lifesaver and be prepared.

* National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign. www.ready.gov
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