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September is National Preparedness Month

A message from Craig Fugate, Administrator of FEMA, "September is National Preparedness Month. I've got a request. We talk about disasters all the time but one of the things we know is the better prepared the public is, the better the response will be. Well guess what? You're the public. Take what you need to do to get ready and make sure you have a family disaster plan. Make sure your family knows what the communication plan is in case disaster strikes. And remember, we don't always know when the next disaster will strike, even what the next disaster may be. By taking the most important step of making sure you and your family have a disaster plan, you've helped the team be better prepared. Again, it's National Preparedness Month. Have you gotten your plan? "

Disasters can strike quickly and without warning. Are you your own lifesaver? How comfortable do you want yourself and your family to be if first responders can't get to you in an emergency?

Join us for our **2nd annual Disaster Awareness and Safety Day, Saturday Sept. 11, 10-4pm** in the parking lot at the Rushmore Crossing Shopping Center.

- Learn how to make a plan, build a kit and get involved
- See the Fire Safety Smokehouse, and Emergency Vehicles and how responders are ready for disasters,
- See Scheel's Hunter Safety programs,
- Learn how to prepare for your pet before disaster strikes
- Be safe and "Don't thump your melon" get Free bike helmets
- Enter to win a FREE Strider bicycle
- Enjoy Free hot dogs while you look around, and much, much more.

You are the best one to take care of you and your family. Be your own lifesaver and be prepared. Visit rcpcem.com for more information.

"Preparedness is a shared responsibility that begins with each person," said Anthony Carbajal, Pennington County Emergency Management Director. *"First responders may not be able to get to you right away. You've got to be ready to take care of yourself, your family and maybe even help your neighbors."*

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