

## S A F E T Y

September, 2016

### September is National Preparedness Month

Is it on your calendar? You may have already marked the first day of Autumn and the start of the football season on your calendar. When creating your Fall to do list, make sure to add “Don’t Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today” since September is designated as National Preparedness Month.



During the past eleven years of the Ready Campaign, many people have put together survival kits and basic plans for their families. Unfortunately, the peanut butter, water, medications and lists of important phone numbers are likely now out of date and the Go Kit is of limited use if there is a need to immediately evacuate. For those individuals or organizations, September is the perfect time to restock and reorganize.



Given the turmoil that is associated with any unexpected emergency, it makes sense for every family and community to have their preparedness act together. However, it’s fair to guess that there are still many individuals and businesses that haven’t yet made a dent in their basic “Get Ready!” list during the past eleven years. Are you ready? Answer the questions below to learn what additional steps you can take.

#### **Here are Some of the Emergency Readiness Questions:**

- Do you have a “To Go Kit” with the basics you would need to survive for at least 3 days?
- Do you have enough food and water available to survive for at least 3 days if the emergency required you to “shelter in place” and prevented you from leaving your home?
- Do you have an emergency plan to gather family members if phones aren’t working?
- Have you planned for the important daily needs of every member of your family or tenant unit: babies, young children, grandparents, pets, individuals who are hard of hearing or speak a different language, people living with mental health challenges, or family members in motorized wheelchairs?

# Ready to Take Action?

To learn more about what you and your tenants can do to be prepared for a disaster visit:

[www.ready.gov/September](http://www.ready.gov/September)

[www.spokaneprepares.org](http://www.spokaneprepares.org)

## Training Opportunity

Mark your calendar for the two day Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program and Training, **September 22 & September 29, 2016** **8:00am-5:00pm**. Cost is \$75 a person.



For more information and to register go to

<http://www.spokanecops.org/crime-free-multi-housing-program> or call 509.625.3301.

CFMH assists landlords in developing effective partnerships in a neighborhood environment, and fostering a safe, healthy, family oriented place to live. This program is for anyone that owns or manages multiple single family homes or buildings with two or more units.

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## New Spokane Fire Department Staff

**Jamie McIntyre, Community Risk Reduction Manager**

After over 20 years of service to the Spokane community, as the Spokane Fire Department Public Educator, Jan Doherty transitioned into a well-deserved retirement last spring. I had the privilege of working with Jan for a couple years and am honored to continue the mission of community safety. I have worked in the Spokane social service arena for the last twelve years as an advocate, educator and planner. As the new editor of the Apartment Safety Notes Newsletter I welcome your feedback. Feel free to email

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