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“codeReady”: WHAT IS IT?

This week our **“BE SAFE”** article will present part one in a series of articles related to the “codeReady” program.

What is “codeReady”?

“codeReady” is a statewide initiative within the state of Minnesota which is designed to help residents get organized with personal and family preparedness in the event of a major emergency.

This is done by providing information and tools that are available in written formats and on websites that helps individuals and families plan for their personal safety and well-being going forward.

What are the steps in being “codeReady”?

- Get informed
- Get prepared (you and your family)
- Get connected (by helping at a local and/or community levels to get others prepared)

Where can I get informed?

You can go on-line to the following website: <http://www.codeready.org>.
This site has information that covers all of the steps listed.

What are some other resources that will keep me informed?

Here are some state and national resources which contain more information:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Ready.gov) – <http://www.ready.gov>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – <http://www.fema.gov>
- American Red Cross – <http://www.redcross.org> OR your local chapter at www.prairiewindsredcross.org
- Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) – <http://www.dps.state.mn.us>
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) – <http://www.health.state.mn.us>
- Emergency & Community Health Outreach (ECHO) – <http://www.echominnesota.org>
- World Health Organization (WHO) – <http://www.who.int/en/>
- DiversityPreparedness.org – <http://www.diversitypreparedness.org>
- Humane Society of the United States – <http://hsus.org/disaster> for help with pet preparation
- Disaster assistance – <http://disasterhelp.gov>
- Centers for Disease Control – <http://cdc.gov>

Where can I get additional information locally?

You can contact your local Department of Public Health or County Emergency Management as follows:

- Lincoln County Public Health: 507-694-1270
- Lyon County Public Health: 507-537-6713
- Murray County Public Health: 507-836-6486
- Pipestone County Public Health: 507-825-5024
- Within these four counties: 1-888-837-6713
- Lincoln County Emergency Management: 507-594-1529
- Lyon County Emergency Management: 507-537-7612
- Murray County Emergency Management: 507-836-6148 X.154
- Pipestone County Emergency Management: 507-825-6770

What kinds of things will I learn about on the internet or by contacting these agencies?

During the previous two weeks we talked about tornado safety. Previous to that we covered flooding. In the weeks to come we will discuss several other types of situations members of our communities need to be aware of like common disasters, what to do in an emergency, making a plan and how to recover from an emergency.

Join us next week when “**BE SAFE**” will further discuss Minnesota’s “codeReady” program when we will go through the initial steps in good disaster preparedness.

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