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“codeReady”: SHARING THE INFORMATION

This week our **“BE SAFE”** article will present part three in a series of articles related to the “codeReady” program outlined during the past two weeks.

No one likes to think about – let alone talk about – an emergency that could disrupt our daily lives, or worse, do harm to us or our loved ones. Yet, this type of consideration and planning is essential to keeping everyone safe during an emergency.

If you have already taken the steps to keep yourself and your family safe, you are now ready to reach out to your community and help there as well. This becomes imperative when a community or portion of the state of Minnesota experiences a disaster such as a tornado or flood.

Here are some ways that you can connect:

COUNTY AND TRIBE RESOURCES:

Review your local emergency resources, including phone numbers and website by going onto <http://www.codeready.org/g4etconnected.cfm> and selecting your county or tribe.

BUSSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Prepare your business for emergencies by working with your company’s safety manager and/or your county’s Emergency Manager. Contact them for further information.

AS A VOLUNTEER:

Local organizations always need local volunteers to help when there is a disaster emergency. Most agencies require pre-registration and/or some additional training. Here are some of those organizations:

- The American Red Cross: 1-507-532-5565
- The Salvation Army: Brookings, SD 1-605-692-9313 OR Willmar, MN 1-320-235-2033

- The codeReady program: sign up at the afore-mentioned website

Other ways you can help as a volunteer include:

- Help those in your extended family complete the codeReady preparations we discussed in the previous two articles.
- Pass this same information along to those in your church family or any other organizations you may belong to so they can get prepared as well.
- Spread the word within the immediate community or town you live in to help your neighbors get prepared.

This concludes our codeReady series of articles. Join us next week when **“BE SAFE”** will discuss ways to deal with the summer heat.

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