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Riverside Fire Department Announces National Preparedness Month “Pledge to Prepare: Awareness to Action”

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Riverside Fire Department – Office of Emergency Management will participate in National Preparedness Month by hosting emergency preparedness events during the month of September. The feature event is the **2nd Annual Ready Riverside Emergency Preparedness Fair** on Wednesday, **September 26, 2012** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 3900 Main Street, Riverside** (in front of Riverside City Hall.)

The fair will have displays from Riverside Fire & Police Departments, American Medical Response, Red Cross, CERT, Community Access Center, The Gas Company, Habitat for Humanity Riverside, 911 deaf.com, Riverside City Public Utilities Departments, Amateur Radio Groups & Simpler Life Emergency Provisions. Fair visitors will get tips on developing a family emergency plan, learn how local emergency services respond and buy emergency supplies at discounted prices!

“Recent storms to the east are a reminder of the importance of preparation”, said Mayor Ron Loveridge. “Riverside is a community that encourages working together to increase response in any situation.”

This September is the 9th Annual National Preparedness Month (NPM). NPM is a nationwide, month-long effort hosted by the *Ready* Campaign and Citizen Corps, encouraging households, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies. This year’s National Preparedness Month focuses on turning **Awareness into Action** by encouraging all individuals and all communities to make an emergency preparedness plan.

HOW READY ARE YOU?

- ✓ **Get a Kit** - Emergency supplies
- ✓ **Make a Plan** - For what to do in an emergency
- ✓ **Be Informed** – Know what type of emergencies that could happen in your area, and identify sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency
- ✓ **Get involved** – Get trained in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)- CPR & First Aid

For more information visit: www.readyriverside.com or call (951) 320-8100.