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September is National Preparedness Month

August 28, 2017 – September is National Preparedness Month and Flagler County officials urge residents to take steps to ensure their families and households are ready in the event of an emergency.

“Our hearts are with the people in Texas who are living through the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey,” said Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten. “We feel their pain – especially since we went through it ourselves just last year. Taking a little time to make a plan for you and your family will be time well spent.”

Tropical weather systems – depressions, storms and hurricanes – affect everyone differently based on variables such as where we live, household size, age, medical needs, and pets.

“There are some pretty simple measures we can all take to help us be better prepared,” Garten said. “Create a family emergency communications plan. Pull together a basic emergency supply kit. Finally, sign up for CodeRED, follow us on social media, and use the county website as a resource.”

Residents can go to www.flaglercounty.org/emergency to determine their Hurricane Evacuation Zone, print an evacuation route map, sign up for CodeRED, register their special-needs status, and find many other resources. During an emergency, Flagler County will also utilize the “black box” function on its home page, which is active now, for alerts and other important information.

“Unfortunately, Flagler County is not immune to tropical weather,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “Please make some steps to prepare your home and family should something happen. It will help us to help you.”

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