



National Preparedness Month – September 2009 Events and Activities in the NCR

District of Columbia

September 2

- District of Columbia National Preparedness Month Kick off Fair; 12 p.m.-2 p.m., at Freedom Plaza, Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. between 13th and 14th Streets.
- U.S. Department of Transportation Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.-2p.m.; 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.*
- U.S. Postal Service Preparedness Fair; TBA; 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.*

September 3

- U.S. Department of Agriculture Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.*

September 8

- U.S. General Accounting Office Preparedness Fair; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 441 G Street, N.W.*
- Mass Casualty Training Exercise; time, TBA; Engine 24, 5101 Georgia Avenue, N.W.

September 9

- Commander Ready Kick-off; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Thomas Elementary School, 650 Anacostia Avenue, N.E.

September 10

- U.S. Office of Personnel Management Crime Prevention and Security Awareness Expo; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.; 1900 E Street, N.W.*

September 11

- National Day of Service and Remembrance; service activities at the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center; 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.; 50 Irving Street, N.W.

September 12

- District Response Plan training for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners; 9 a.m.- 12 a.m.; Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, 2720 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, S.E., second floor

September 15

- U.S. Department of Energy Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.*

September 16

- U.S. Department of the Treasury Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.; 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.*
- Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Preparedness Fair; Time, TBD; Farragut Square Park, Connecticut Avenue and K Street, N.W.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2nd Annual Preparedness Month Fair; 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.; EPA Courtyard at 12th Street, N.W., between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

September 17

- Court Services and Offender Supervision (CSOSA) Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.; 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.*

September 18

- United States Senate Preparedness Fair; 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.; location, TBD

September 23

- George Washington University Safety Expo 2009; 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.; GW University Yard, 2000 block of H Street, N.W.

September 24

- U.S. General Services Administration Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 1800 F Street, N.W.*
- Edison Electric Institute Safety Fair; 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.; 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.*

September 28

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.- p.m.; 888 1st Street, N.E.*

September 29

- U.S. Government Printing Office Preparedness Fair; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.; 732 North Capitol Street, N.W.*

September 30

- U.S. Department of State Preparedness Fair; 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.; 2201 C Street, N.W.*

Note: *Events with an asterisk are open to agency employees only

Virginia**Arlington County (Va.)**

- OEM will be distributing emergency preparedness activity books to every elementary student in the County thru the backpack mail September 11th
- Will distribute starter “go bags” to the affordable housing units in the County (4,000)
- John J. Brown, Jr., Director, Arlington County OEM will do an employee preparedness training on September 17th, CHP Azalea Room, 11:30 – 12:30

- On September 19 there will be a PRCR/OEM family emergency preparedness workshop where families will assemble the beginnings of a go bag for their families along with fun activities for the kids. (There is a \$25/family charge to buy the items, like flashlights, first aid kits etc.) This will be 9-11 a.m. at Lubber Run Community Center.
- On September 28, 6 pm until 9 at 3033 Wilson, there will be a volunteer recruitment/training for individuals interested in emergency volunteering.
- OEM and/or volunteers will be working with the Senate Sergeant at Arms for their safety fair. They have an interest in pet sheltering this year so AWLA may be there instead with our materials.
- John J. Brown, Jr., Director, Arlington County Office of Emergency Management will be doing 2 preparedness programs for Brookfield Properties, September 9 and 15 for tenants of their Rosslyn and Ballston buildings.

Fairfax County (Va.)

- Fairfax County 9/11 Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, September 14 (a Board of Supervisors meeting day) at approximately noon
- The county's Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS), Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action will hold September and early October preparedness training events on September 22 (weeknight) and October 3 (Saturday day). Both events are identical. The purpose of the September and October trainings is to familiarize houses of worship on local disaster/emergency response. Panelist will include Fairfax OEM, Volunteer Fairfax, Red Cross, Northern Virginia VOAD, and Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. The panelists will walk through a likely local emergency (a severe winter storm) to explain what they will do and how they coordinate. The session will end on how the local faith community can be prepared to assist in a local emergency. Exhibits will be set up in the forum.
- COOP training for faith communities is scheduled on November 5; PDF's for the events are: "COOP Trng Fall 2009.pdf" "Disaster Trng Fall 2009.pdf"
- The Health Department hosted two "Get Ready Fairfax!" emergency preparedness fairs. The first was held on Saturday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.; South County Center. A second fair will be held at the Reston Town Center on Saturday, September 12. The "Get Ready Fairfax" fairs will highlight the all hazards approach to emergency preparedness in the community. Participants will learn about: The Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps, Pandemic influenza preparedness, Health Department programs and services (Immunizations, Disease Carrying Insects, Clinic Services, Adult Day Health Care, and more), The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management and its services. Participants will also go home with a free emergency preparedness starter kit for their household. The Fairfax Medical

Reserve Corps (MRC) is organizing these grant-funded community emergency preparedness fairs with families in mind. Fairfax County is collaborating with County (Police, Fire & Rescue, and Emergency Management) and community (Inoval Health System, American Red Cross and the NoVa Regional Health Information Organization) partners to educate members of our community about the importance of individual and family preparedness. An informational web page was created: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/mrc/getready.htm> that can be linked to our partners' websites to promote the event.

- October 3, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – Noon; 103 W. Columbia Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 – The Columbia Baptist and North Star – churches on Mission Group Partnership is offering a free seminar/exhibits to provide information to those who care for or know of an older adult who may not be aware of emergency preparedness and other safety concerns. Please RSVP by September 25th to 703-534-5740 x288. Refreshments available. Reasonable ADA accommodations will be made for any event upon request. Call 703-534-5740 x288 for more information. Please contact Columbia Baptist/Northstar directly for questions regarding this event.
- The television program “Hurricane Preparedness” is airing on Fairfax County Government Channel 16 (and online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/hurricane_preparedness.aspx) during the month of August at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Aug. 15, 22 and 29. The program features personnel from the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, National Weather Service and the American Red Cross offering tips and information about hurricanes and how residents of Fairfax County can better prepare. Here is a link to a news release about a television program about hurricane preparedness that is airing on the county's Channel 16 television station: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2009/hurricane-preparedness-show.htm>
- The Fairfax County Health Department will host a series of town hall meetings. Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Director of Health, will be on hand to answer your questions about pandemic and seasonal influenza. This Fall, it will be important for everyone to stay informed. Plan to attend one of the following meetings: Tuesday, September 1, 7 p.m. Dranesville District, McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA; Wednesday, September 2, 7 p.m., Springfield District, West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA; Friday, September 11, 7 p.m., Providence District, James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, #A, Falls Church, VA; Wednesday, September 16, 7 p.m., Braddock District, Kings Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA; Friday, September 18, 7 p.m., Mount Vernon District, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA; Tuesday, September 22, 7 p.m., Hunter Mill District, North County

Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA;
Friday, September 25, 7 p.m., Mason District, Mason District
Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA; Monday,
September 28, 7 p.m., Sully District, Sully District Governmental
Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA; Tuesday,
September 29, 7 p.m., Lee District, Franconia Governmental Center,
6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA

Loudoun County (Va.)

- Information about Hurricane Preparedness on county website and cable TV in September
- Participation in September 26 exercise as part of Northern Virginia Emergency Response System
- Ongoing outreach regarding H1N1 Flu prevention and preparedness