

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a nationwide effort sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps. I am pleased to announce Department of Energy Oak Ridge Office is taking part in this nationwide effort. This year, NPM focuses on encouraging you to take active steps toward getting involved and becoming prepared. Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. We have to work together, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are ready. Make a plan, get an emergency supply kit, stay informed, and work together to keep everyone safe.

We're taking steps as an organization to become educated, trained, and better prepared, and we urge you to take time this month to do the same at home, for your community. I encourage you to stop by the NPM display located in the Federal Building lobby and take advantage of the information available to help you reach your preparedness goals.

In addition, I encourage you to visit www.ready.gov for more information and www.citizencorps.gov to explore ways that you can get involved in your community.

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