

**September – National Preparedness Month Activities**  
Partners: Kern County Public Health Services, Kern County Fire

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Sept 11-15: <b>Week #2 – Theme: What Should I do – Family Action Plans</b>			
Family Reunification Plan	One of the haunting images from 9/11 was that of people who were desperate to find family members – plastering pictures throughout the streets of NYC, holding them up for media and begging for help to find their missing loved one. How would you reunite with family members after a destructive event? What if you couldn't access your home or neighborhood? Have you made a plan where everyone would meet?	Jason Knaggs KCFD – PIO 661-330-0133 <a href="mailto:jknaggs@kerncountyfire.org">jknaggs@kerncountyfire.org</a>	<a href="https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan?gclid=CjwKCAjw8IXMBRB8EiwAg9fgML1ukH5WdYFDSznX7FnjhgmY9DfczN6BNIfx0gDU-89oNpp6TbHnCRoCzhoQAvD_BwE">https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan?gclid=CjwKCAjw8IXMBRB8EiwAg9fgML1ukH5WdYFDSznX7FnjhgmY9DfczN6BNIfx0gDU-89oNpp6TbHnCRoCzhoQAvD_BwE</a>
Family Communication Plan	Often times after a disaster event, telephone service may be disrupted for a prolonged period. Land lines may be overloaded and cell phones may not work; telephone communications infrastructure may be destroyed. Has your family planned how to make contact? Who will you call? Do all your family members know the plan?	Jason Knaggs KCFD – PIO 661-330-0133 <a href="mailto:jknaggs@kerncountyfire.org">jknaggs@kerncountyfire.org</a>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family_Comm_Plan_508_20150820.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family_Comm_Plan_508_20150820.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/0e3ef555f66e22ab832e284f826c2e9e/FEM_A_plan_parent_508_071513.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/0e3ef555f66e22ab832e284f826c2e9e/FEM_A_plan_parent_508_071513.pdf</a>
ReadyKern	Receiving accurate and timely public safety information in a disaster event is critically important. Don't listen to rumors – get the facts from the source! ReadyKern is the County's emergency notification system. It is FREE, only used for public safety information and contact information is not sold to third parties. Learn about how ReadyKern works and how to sign up to receive phone messages, texts and emails to stay informed. Wouldn't you want to know?	Wendy Benson Kern Office of Emergency Services 661-873-2603 <a href="mailto:wbenson@kerncountyfire.org">wbenson@kerncountyfire.org</a>	<a href="http://www.readykern.com">www.readykern.com</a>

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Insurance Protection	Insurance may sound like a dry topic, but hear helpful and interesting tips and advice from a lively non-profit insurance advocacy speaker. Know what steps you should take before a disaster to maximize your insurance benefit. Understand the benefits and limitations of varying insurance coverage. The type of disaster will directly affect insurance coverage and provides the primary financial strength to recover from an event.	Emily Rogan United Policyholders 415-393-9990 emily@uphelp.org	Tips from the Trenches: <a href="http://www.uphelp.org/pubs/preparedness-tips-trenches">http://www.uphelp.org/pubs/preparedness-tips-trenches</a>  website: <a href="http://www.uphelp.org">http://www.uphelp.org</a>