

What is National Preparedness Month?

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is sponsored by the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps. NPM is held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

September 2011 is the eighth annual NPM. This year will focus on the anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks and encourage Americans to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness. It is our hope that all Americans will join the readiness team and truly help themselves, their neighbors and their communities be *Ready*.



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Jefferson County, West Virginia Calendar of Events

September 2011

2011 National Preparedness Month Activities

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- 1 Kick Off for National Preparedness Month - Business Continuity Planning - Attend one of the sessions being offered! 1:00pm or 6:00pm. Workshops to be held at the Clarion Hotel at 233 Lowe Drive in Shepherdstown, WV. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-register by calling 304-728-3329
- 2 Lunch & Learn Friday: Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center at 12:00 Noon. Pre-register by calling 304-724-8914. Check our website for topic.
- 8 Jefferson County Texting Drill - All day, any time. Text family or friends. "im ok r u ok?" Texting to encourage Americans to send a text first before making a voice call during a critical event, thereby allowing communication networks to remain robust. To register, contact 304-728-3329
- 9 Lunch & Learn Friday: Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center at 12:00 Noon. Pre-register by calling 304-724-8914. Check our website for topic.
- 11 Independent Fire Company's 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at Independent Fire Company at 9:45am
- 12 High Risk! 9-1-1 and Dispatch Training - 8:30am - 4:30pm, Cost \$139. Class shares critical skills for call takers, dispatchers and trainers. Held at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. Contact 1-800-348-8911 or www.pstc911.com
- 13 Mission Critical Communications Training - 8:30am - 4:30pm, Cost \$139. Perfect for agencies that wish to elevate the expertise of their dispatchers in response to any high risk or special event. Held at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. Contact 1-800-348-8911 or www.pstc911.com
- 13 United Way Day of Caring - Community projects at various locations - Contact 304-596-5529
- 13-15 WV State Emergency Response Commission/Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference at Canaan Valley State Park. Contact 304-558-5380
- 14 Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee Meeting at 8:30am at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. For more information, contact 304-728-3329.
- 16 Lunch & Learn Friday: Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center at 12:00 Noon. Pre-register by calling 304-724-8914. Check our website for topic.
- 17 Charles Town Heritage Day - Downtown Charles Town
- 19 National Flood Insurance Workshop for Insurance Agents - 8:00am - 12:00pm. Qualifies for CEUs from the WV Insurance Commission. Held at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. Pre-register by calling 304-728-3290.
- 19 National Flood Insurance Workshop for Lenders - 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Held at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. Pre-register by calling 304-728-3290.
- 20 Jefferson County Health Department Point of Dispensing (POD) Exercise - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Flu Shots \$15 at Jefferson High School Auxiliary Gym. Contact 304-728-3312.
- 21 WV211 and Volunteer West Virginia team up for a workshop "Using Social Media During a Disaster" Contact 302-262-0048.
- 23 Lunch & Learn Friday: Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center at 12:00 Noon. Pre-register by calling 304-724-8914. Check our website for topic.
- 24-25 Rope Rescue Technician Class - 8:00am - 5pm, Cost \$20. Contact 304-267-3959 to register.
- 26 People with Special Needs Committee Meeting at 9:30am at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. For more information, call 304-728-3329.
- 27 Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Steering Committee Meeting at 9:00am at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville. For more information, call 304-728-3290.
- 30 Lunch & Learn Friday: Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center at 12:00 Noon. Pre-register by calling 304-724-8914. Check our website for topic.

All Month - Disaster Ready Kids Program. Age appropriate programs for children and youth can be scheduled at your location. Contact 304-724-8914.

Additional events will be added on our website:
www.jeffersoncountywv.org/homeland-security.html



Community Emergency Response Team Program

In an Emergency or Disaster, would you be able to help yourself, your family, or your neighbors?

You would if you attended a CERT training course. CERT (otherwise known as Community Emergency Response Team) training is designed to help you to prepare yourself, family, and neighbors for an emergency or disaster. Because emergency services personnel may not be able to help you immediately, you can use this training in basic skills that will help you to save lives and protect property.

Class Schedule: Classes are from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Some class dates may change due to Instructor Scheduling and weather conditions). Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by calling Terri Mehling at 304-728-3329. (Must be over 18 years old; must complete all 8 classes to graduate)

Disaster Preparedness

Fire Safety & Fire Simulation

Disaster Medical Ops I

Disaster Medical Ops II

Light Search & Rescue

Disaster Mental Health; Animals in Disaster and People with Special Needs

Crime Prevention & Terrorism Awareness

CERT Volunteerism, Test, Final Exercise & Graduation