



Troup County Office of Emergency Management

Zachary D. Steele – Director

zsteele@troupcountyga.gov

2495 Hamilton Road

LaGrange, GA 30241

September is National Preparedness Month

TROUP COUNTY – Disasters are unpredictable and can change our lives instantly. Being proactive and taking the time now to prepare for potential future incidents could save time and prevent the loss of life. Troup County Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, are encouraging all residents to take advantage of this year's National Preparedness Month.

This year's theme is "Start a Conversation," and focuses on preparing Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities for disasters. Troup County joins this nationwide coalition of thousands of private, public and nonprofit organizations to participate in the month-long initiative to increase awareness and inspire Georgians to be prepared for any natural or man-made disaster.

"In the midst of a disaster, you may not know what to do or where to go for help," said Zac Steele, Troup County Emergency Management Director. "That is why I am encouraging all residents and visitors in our county to start having the conversation now, and participate in the events of this year's National Preparedness Month. Talking about what may happen can help us to make plans to ensure that our families and properties are always secure."

Each week focuses on a different. The topics are as follows:

Week 1: September 1-7 Plan Ahead

Week 2: September 8-14 Make a Plan

Week 3: September 15-21 Build a Kit

Week 4: September 22-28 Stay Informed

More tips on how to prepare and plan before a natural or man-made disaster can be found at gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia. To learn about specific risks in your area, contact us at (706) 883-1717 or zsteele@troupcountyga.gov.