



For more information contact:  
Kristi S. George, Public Information Specialist III  
Center for Threat Preparedness  
Telephone: (304) 558-6900, x 2018

September 5, 2012

For Immediate Release

## **September is National Preparedness Month**

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Center for Threat Preparedness will promote National Preparedness Month in September.

Throughout September, WV businesses and organizations are encouraged to sponsor activities to promote emergency preparedness. More than 3,000 organizations – national, regional, local public and private organizations – are supporting emergency preparedness efforts and encouraging all Americans to take action.

DHHR's Center for Threat Preparedness Director Jerry Rhodes said, "Everyone can get involved by being informed, making a plan, and building an emergency supply kit."

September 2012 marks the ninth annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. Emergencies can range from inconvenience to devastation, but you can resolve not to be a victim of an emergency or disaster and take steps to minimize the impact on you, your family and your businesses.

More information is available at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY. The Website includes free information, checklists and guidelines about how to be informed, develop a family emergency plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved.

The mission of the DHHR Center for Threat Preparedness is to ensure adequate capacity and effective systems ready to respond to natural and intentional threats to the public's health. Learn more at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/healthprep>.