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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **September is National Preparedness Month “Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.”**

**PULLMAN** – September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). The event, now in its fourteenth year, is a nationwide, month-long effort hosted by the *Ready* Campaign and Citizen Corps, encouraging households, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

One of NPM’s key messages is to be prepared in the event of an emergency so you can be self-reliant for two weeks without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue. Preparing can start with four important steps:

1. Be informed about emergencies that could happen in your community, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during, and after an emergency.
2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency.
3. Build an emergency supply kit.
4. Get involved.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it takes the whole community. Make a plan with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community.

The Pullman Police Department provides emergency preparedness tools and resources on our website at this shortened link: <http://bit.ly/1IAjhjO>. Information is also available in the Police Department lobby. I strongly urge you to sign up to receive emergency notifications from the Whitman County and City of Pullman Emergency Alert System; sign up by clicking on the “Emergency Notification System” menu item on the Police Department website, or use this shortened URL: <http://bit.ly/1pq9B1V>. The Pullman Police Department provides citizens with emergency information, updates, reminders, road closure information and more via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and our mobile app. Follow us on social media at [facebook.com/PullmanPD](https://www.facebook.com/PullmanPD), [twitter.com/PullmanPolice](https://twitter.com/PullmanPolice), and Instagram @pullmanpolice; download our mobile app at MyPD, and look for us on NextDoor.com.

The Pullman Police and Fire Departments encourage our community to be better prepared and invite community members to join us in this effort. For more information about the Ready Campaign and National Preparedness Month, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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