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September is National Preparedness Month “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.”

PULLMAN – September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). The event, now in its fifteenth year, is a nationwide, month-long effort encouraging households, businesses, and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

Take time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid. Check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and weather events. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, our residents we will be the first ones in our communities to take action after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.

The Pullman Police Department provides emergency preparedness tools and resources on our website (<http://www.pullman-wa.gov/departments/police>). From the menu, select “Information for Citizens”, then “Emergency Preparedness”. 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. 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: facebook.com/PullmanPD, twitter.com/PullmanPolice, and Instagram @pullmanpolice; download the MyPD mobile app, 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.

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