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On August 25, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution proclaiming September 2015 as National Preparedness Month. The theme this year is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Each week of September the Office of Emergency Services will be sending out e-mails,

Facebook notifications, and Tweets with information on how Stanislaus County residents can create their own emergency plan including a communication plan to help prepare themselves, their families, and communities for an emergency or disaster.

This week we are focusing on how to prepare for a flood. **FLOOD? Who is thinking of FLOODS in the middle of a historical drought?** With the possibility of an El Nino this winter, and the fact that flooding has been a major problem throughout the history of Stanislaus County, the time to prepare is **NOW!**



Flood-related injuries and deaths are often the result of individuals trapped in flood waters. The best way to stay safe is to leave areas that flood and avoid floodwaters. Learn what to do BEFORE, DURING and AFTER a Flood at <https://beta.ready.gov/floods>. Information includes how to build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan. Emergency preparedness information can also be found at: www.stanemergency.com and www.stanoes.com.

Sign-Up for the Stanislaus County Emergency Self Notification System: Citizens of Stanislaus County can register a phone number or numbers to be called in the event that an emergency or disaster affects pre-selected addresses within the County. The system will dial the telephone numbers registered and residents will hear a pre-recorded message involving the emergency. The message may contain special instructions to be followed by the citizens. For more information on how to register your phone number go to: www.stanemergency.com and click on the "Get registered" icon.

In the Coming Weeks: Watch for information on preparing for Wildfires, Winter Weather, and Power Outages. Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today!

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