

## **SEPTEMBER IS MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed that September is 'Emergency Preparedness Month' in the Commonwealth. Working with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), MEMA will be promoting public preparedness and safety throughout the month. These efforts are in conjunction with a nationwide effort to encourage all Americans to take simple steps to better

prepare for emergencies at home, work and school. To help the public better prepare themselves and their families, MEMA will focus its outreach and activities on four concepts: 1) Be informed, 2) Develop a plan, 3) Build a Kit, and 4) Get involved.

MEMA will share information on each of these

concepts including: highlighting potential community hazards or risks; ways to obtain information from local and state emergency managers; tips on how to build comprehensive emergency plans for you and your family; tips on how to build a kit that can help sustain your families in times of disasters; and how to become involved. All citizens of the Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to use the preparedness resources at [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema) to become more prepared.

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# **DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE. MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



**SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!**

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### **DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN**

Although we have experienced a rather quiet Hurricane Season, it is worth noting that the busiest 30-day period for Atlantic Hurricane and Tropical Storm activity is from late August to late September. Therefore, it remains important to remember that it only takes one storm to cause devastating impacts on a community. MEMA continues to encourage residents to go to MEMA's "[Know Your Zone](#)" webpage which has an interactive map that will indicate whether you live or work in a designated hurricane evacuation zone. These hurricane evacuation zones include the areas most at risk of incurring dangerous coastal flooding from the storm surge associated with an approaching tropical storm or hurricane. The zones, (A, B or C) may be used by emergency managers and public safety officials to communicate information about necessary evacuations to the public. Additional information regarding Hurricane Preparedness can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/hazards/hurricanes/>.