

# MAFB EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

September 2022

## Upcoming Issues:

- -September (National Preparedness Month) 2022
- -NPM Week 4
- **-October 2022**

## National Preparedness Month Week 3 PG. 1

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2022 theme is "The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family."



Week 1: 5-11 September – Built a Kit

Week 2: 12-18 September – Make a Plan

Week 3: 19-25 September – Protect Family and Property

Week 4: 26-30 September – Teaching Youth

For the entire month of September the Emergency Management office will have a table in front of our office (Located at Bldg. 1154 Rm. 122, Across from the BX) with various handouts and guides. Feel free to come and grab items as you need or want. You can also stop by the BX the week of Sep 12-16 and we will have a table there during that time.

If you are more of a digital person you can also obtain resources from <a href="https://www.beready.af.mil/">https://www.ready.gov/</a>.



## Apps for smartphones: (Both Apps available for Android/Apple)



FEMA App: Stay
updated with severe
weather alerts from
the National
Weather Service for
up to five locations
across the U.S. The
FEMA App is also
available in Spanish.



**The Red Cross Emergency app:** combines more than 35 different types of severe weather and emergency alerts. You can choose the alerts that are important to your location or the **location of loved** ones. The "Family **Safe" feature allows** you to notify loved ones that an alert has been issued in their area and check to see if they are safe. All content is also available in Snanish.

### **Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness**

There are many things you can do to be prepared in ways that cost little to no money. One of the most important things you can do is to have some way to stay informed.

#### -Phone Applications:

There are many types of applications you can get for your phones to use to get weather and emergency updates to stay informed and aware. Apps like NOAA, Weather Channel, FEMA, Redd Cross etc. (See side panel for more info)

### -Wireless Emergency Alerts:

These are short emergency messages from authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial public alerting authorities that can be broadcast from cell towers to any WEA - enabled mobile device in a locally targeted area. WEAs can be sent by state and local public safety officials, the National Weather Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the President of the United States.

#### -Weather radios:

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office based on your physical location. Can get these at most retailers Online or In-Store. They come in several styles and power options. (examples shown in photo below)





# Apps for smartphones: (Both Apps available for Android/Apple)



The Weather
Channel App: Tracks
weather and
provides local
forecasts and push
alerts of severe
weather to your
mobile device.

Emergency Management Office Contact: 42ces.cex@us.af.mil 334-953-7481

### **Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness**

Having an emergency fund as well can be an important aspect of being prepared.

-Save money for a rainy day:

It is recommended by many saving a starter emergency fund of \$1,000 first. Then, once you're out of debt, it's time to beef up that amount and save three to six months of expenses in a fully funded emergency fund.

Keeping your home and property insured is also another important thing to do. Insurance can help you in the long run.

-Document your property and safeguarding records: Regardless of the type of coverage you buy, maintaining a detailed inventory of your property's contents will assist you if a disaster strikes. Your inventory will help you prove the value of what you owned, which could speed your claim processing, and will provide documentation for tax deductions you can claim for your losses

-Understand your options for coverage: Homeowner, Renter's, Business and all the areas each covers such as Personal Property, Loss-of-Use, Personal Liability, Medical Protection and more.

-Ensure you have appropriate insurance for relevant hazards: Most homeowner and business insurance policies do not cover damage from earthquakes and floods. If you are in an area that has natural disasters of any type, then make sure you check if they are covered.