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YOU'RE INVITED TO "GET READY 'EWA BEACH" ON SEPT. 24TH

Aloha,

It may still be August, but I want to give you a sneak peek into what is happening in our community for September's National Preparedness Month.

After many of us realized 'Ewa Beach is not entirely prepared for the natural disasters we face, a group of local residents with extensive preparedness experience came together to form the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC). They're working very hard to coordinate our first-ever "Get Ready 'Ewa Beach" Emergency Preparedness Fair.

The event will take place on September 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at 'Ewa Makai Middle School and will focus on tsunami and hurricane preparedness, how to create a family plan, supply kits, evacuations, health emergencies and insurance.

Experts from the Department of Emergency Management, State Civil Defense, FEMA, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, private businesses and dozens of community organizations will host informational booths, seminars and hands-on training sessions for you and your neighbors to prepare for the next impending manmade or natural disaster.

The family-friendly fair will be open to all ages and include fun activities for children as well as preparedness information specifically geared toward older residents.

And if that weren't enough, you can also enter to win great raffle prizes, like one of TWO electrical generators, many emergency supply kits, and other useful tools.

It's amazing what we can achieve when we come together. This month's entire newsletter is focused on great things people in our community are doing to "Get Ready" for future emergencies.

For more details or to inquire about hosting a booth at the fair, please call my office at 586-9730 or email reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov. I hope to see you there!

Mahalo,



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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

To achieve our goal of becoming a self-sufficient, disaster-ready community, we need your help.

The 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee is looking for volunteers to spread the word and inspire others to get prepared. Remember, the easiest way to learn is to teach!

To get involved, please contact Ewa EPC at GetReadyEwaBeach@gmail.com.

“GET READY ‘EWA BEACH” FAIR PARTICIPANTS

Preparedness Skills & Training

CERT
 American Red Cross
 Boy Scouts of America
 Humane Society of Hawai‘i
 Pacific Regional Disaster Preparedness Center
 Campbell Local Emergency Action Network (C.L.E.A.N.)

Home Preparedness & Supplies

Hurricane Protection Systems
 Simpson Strong Ties
 T & T Tinting
 UVPAQLITE

Medical & Health

Hawai‘i Department of Health
 Hawai‘i Medical Center
 American Heart Association
 Medical Reserve Corps
 Home Growers
 Natural Hawai‘i

Education

UH West
 UH SEA Grant
 Department of Education

Science & Weather

National Weather Service
 Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
 Pacific Disaster Center

Transportation

TheBus

Safety

Honolulu Police Department
 Honolulu Fire Department

Federal, State & Local Agencies

FEMA
 Hawai‘i State Civil Defense Dept. of Emergency Management
 Hawai‘i National Guard (TBC)
 Volunteers in Police Service

Community Groups

Citizen Corps
 ‘Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee
 AARP

Insurance

ICAT Managers, LLC
 State Farm Insurance Co.
 New York Life Insurance Co.

Seminars (Partial List)

American Red Cross
 American Heart Association
 National Weather Service

Raffle Vendors

SOS Products
 The Home Depot
 Self Reliance
 Food Insurance

Emergency Vehicles

Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle
 Salvation Army Disaster Vehicle
 Honolulu Fire Truck

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: LEARNING FROM OUR YOUTH



We can learn a lot from our kids. One group proving that year-round is the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts will be at the fair to share their preparedness skills, including how to start a fire from a battery and how to purify water.

This will also be a great opportunity to learn about the Emergency Preparedness BSA program, which was created to inspire the desire and foster the skills so that members can participate effectively in this crucial service to their families, communities, and nation.

From the Emergency Preparedness BSA website:

When an emergency occurs, it affects every youth and adult member of BSA in the immediate area, creating the responsibility to respond first, as an individual; second, as a member of a family; and third, as a member of a Scouting unit serving the neighborhood and community.

Because of these multiple levels of responsibility, the Emergency Preparedness BSA plan includes training for individual, family, and unit preparedness. Special training in all three areas is a prerequisite for BSA members conducting any type of emergency service in their communities.

We'd also like to extend a big Mahalo to the scouts for volunteering at the fair!

FREE TRAININGS AVAILABLE TO “GET READY”

So, you have a family plan and an emergency supply kit. Now what? Two major preparedness organizations offer free trainings for residents and will provide more information so you can truly be helpful and knowledgeable in an emergency. Stop by their booths on September 24th to learn more and sign up.

CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve.

Training includes: Disaster Preparedness; Emergency Management/Incident Command Structure; Fire Safety; Disaster Medical Operations including Triage, Treating Both Life-Threatening and Non-Life-Threatening Injuries, Injury Assessment, and Hygiene; Light Search and Rescue; Team Organization; Disaster Psychology; Terrorism and CERT; and a Final Exercise.

These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATIONS

The Red Cross offers a wide variety of trainings on a very flexible schedule. Various programs cover the following areas: CPR, AED, First Aid, Disaster Services, Disaster Assessment Basics, Shelter Operations, Shelter Simulation, and Disaster Action Team (DAT) Orientation.

To learn more about Red Cross services, visit its booth on September 24th and Page 4 of this newsletter.



SCHOOLS ARE DOING THEIR PART

Most parents fear not knowing the status of their child following a disaster.

The Hawai‘i Department of Education’s Safety and Security Specialist will be at the fair to speak with parents and students about what would happen if a disaster hit during school hours.

Hawai‘i law requires all schools to have a disaster plan. Some have already completed drills this school year to educate children about how to handle an emergency during the school day.

It’s imperative that parents and kids become aware of procedure and determine a family plan to reunite to avoid chaos in an emergency. Stop by to learn more!

WHAT IF A DISASTER HITS WHEN YOU’RE AT WORK?

Since many of us spend most waking hours at the office, be sure to have a plan there, too. Stop by on September 24th for more information about getting your business ready. You can start by creating or determining:

- Procedures to quickly evacuate and shelter-in-place. Practice the plans.
- An emergency contact list including employee emergency contact information.
- A list of inventory and equipment, including computer hardware, software and peripherals, for insurance purposes.

10 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT THE RED CROSS

- 1. It is not a government agency.** The Red Cross relies on the generosity of Hawaii's people to provide critical services to the community.
- 2. It responds to disasters in Hawai'i every 3-4 days.** Most people think of the Red Cross only during a hurricane, but they respond to a variety of disasters statewide.
- 3. It is ready to respond to disasters 24/7.** The Red Cross is all about neighbor helping neighbor – around the clock, across the street, across the nation, and around the world.
- 4. They are experts in disaster mental health counseling.** When tragedy strikes, Red Cross provides not only food, clothing, and shelter, but crisis counseling to help people get back on their feet and on with their lives.
- 5. It provides emergency communication between deployed Hawai'i soldiers and their loved ones** and international tracing services for families torn apart by war or disaster.



- 6. The entire volunteer program is located at Tripler Army Medical Center** with Red Cross volunteers in 46 departments and wards.
- 7. It teaches 33,000 people every year how to save lives** through CPR, first aid, nurse aide, family care giving, lifeguard, water safety and babysitting.
- 8. It teaches free swimming every summer.** As part of its mission of saving lives, it has offered a free Summer Swim program for over 45 years.
- 9. All Red Cross disaster training and services are free.** Its services are a gift from the people of Hawaii – neighbors helping in a time of need.
- 10. The Hawai'i Red Cross needs your help.** With the threat of inevitable major disasters in Hawaii, the Red Cross is more relevant than ever. Log onto www.hawaiiredcross.org, or call 739-8109 to donate or 739-8118 to volunteer.

JOIN REPRESENTATIVE PINE'S EMAIL LIST AND STAY CONNECTED



Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate in surveys, email a request to be added to the list at:

reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov

Once you are on the list, you will receive updates on community and legislative events and notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance.

For monthly newsletters, links to videos and messages posting important announcements, visit:

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