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City of El Paso Celebrates National Preparedness Month

Residents Reminded to be Prepared for Disasters

El Paso, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is celebrating National Preparedness Month by encouraging residents to prepare themselves and their loved ones for a variety of emergencies should occur.

As part of the monthlong celebration, the community is invited to visit the DPH Preparedness Carnival taking place at the upcoming events:

- **August 29 | 9 AM - 12 PM**
City Hall, 3300 N. Campbell
Proclamation + Information Booths with games and prizes
- **September 1 | 6 PM - 9:30 PM**
In collaboration with the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration
Grandview Park, 3100 Jefferson Ave.
- **September 6 | 10 AM - 12 PM**
Eastside Senior Citizen Center, 3200 Fierro Dr.
- **September 13 | 10 AM - 12 PM**
South El Paso Senior Center, 600 S. Ochoa St.
- **September 15 | 6 PM - 9:30 PM**
In collaboration with the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration
Eastwood Park, 3110 Parkwood St.
- **September 29 | 6 PM - 9:30 PM**
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The Beast Urban Park, 1301 Jason Crandall Dr.

Guests will have the opportunity to ask questions, learn what is needed to build an emergency kit, how to prepare in case of a fire, get tips to stay safe in case of an emergency, play games and win prizes!

National Preparedness Month is recognized nationwide every September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year.

This year's theme, "Preparing for Older Adults" focuses on preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults who are living alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas. Residents are strongly encouraged to check on your elderly family members and neighbors. It is crucial to be prepared for an emergency by creating an emergency kit and having an emergency plan for your family and pets!

"We encourage the El Paso community to take the important steps necessary to prepare for natural and human-made threats and to ensure we are all our ready for any emergency," said Ruth Castillo, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Manager. "It is crucial for every household to have a plan of action in place and be prepared."

For more information on National Preparedness Month, including tips and resources visit EPHealth.com under the Emergency Preparedness [National Preparedness Month](#) tab.

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