

The Township of Livingston Encourages Residents to Get *Ready* During National Preparedness Month (NPM)

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(Livingston, NJ) - The Township of Livingston is proud to be participating in the Annual National Preparedness Month (NPM) in September. Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) *Ready* Campaign, NPM is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families and businesses to take action and prepare for emergencies.

This year, the *Ready* Campaign and its DHS partner, Citizen Corps, are encouraging Americans to take simple steps to prepare including: Be Informed; Make a Plan; Get a Kit about the different types of emergencies and their appropriate responses; and Get Involved. To help spread the message and make its employees and members of the community better prepared, the Livingston Township Council issued a Proclamation on September 4, 2012 declaring September as National Preparedness Month in the community.

"Nothing so clearly reminds us about the importance of emergency preparations like Hurricane Irene and the October Nor'easter that significantly impacted Livingston last year" said Township Manager Michele Meade. "It's so easy to put off planning for an emergency to another day because we are all so busy and I am guilty of that too. Please join me this month to safeguard your family in the event of an emergency."

The good news is that creating an emergency plan for your family or business has never been easier. Toolkits are available through links from the Livingston Township website at www.livingstonnj.org. Click on Emergency Management from the left hand column of the homepage. Meade added, "One quick trip to the grocery store with the toolkit list in hand, will set in motion a peace of mind for you and your family."

In addition, more information about the *Ready* Campaign and National Preparedness Month is available at www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY.

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