

# PRESS RELEASE

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### September is National Preparedness Month

**Geneva Illinois, September 01, 2011** - This September marks the 8<sup>th</sup> annual National Preparedness Month and the Kane County Office of Emergency Management is reminding everyone that it is the perfect time to prepare for emergencies.

National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "Ready America" campaign is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take Steps to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

In recognition of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks of September 11th this year's National Preparedness Month theme is "A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare". This is a call to action urging our communities to learn the lessons from the disasters of the past while preparing for ALL hazards, both natural and man-made, which will face us in the future.

"Now's the time to get an emergency kit, make a plan, become informed, and get involved. National Preparedness Month serves as a good reminder that we all have a responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities" said Don Bryant, director of the Office of Emergency Management.