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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT, RED CROSS OFFER

### FREE SENIOR PREPAREDNESS INFO

The Kane County Health Department and the Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross are joining forces to provide disaster preparedness info targeted to seniors.

“The Red Cross publishes a comprehensive yet easy-to-understand booklet called ‘*Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors.*’ Through a joint agreement, the Health Department and Red Cross will be distributing these booklets free of charge to seniors,” said Michael Isaacson, emergency response coordinator, of the Kane County Health Department.

According to Jim Powell, service delivery chair for the Red Cross board of directors, the 24-page booklet information about:

- Receiving emergency communications
- Developing a family disaster plan
- Assembling general disaster and medical emergency supplies
- Sheltering in place
- Surviving residential fires

“There’s also a list of additional resources available free of charge from the Red Cross such as preparedness checklists for people with mobility problems,” Powell said.

Copies of the booklet are being sent to all local agencies who participated in the recent senior needs survey conducted by the Health Department. Single copies are available to individuals upon request to the Health Department (630)208-3801 or the Red Cross (630)443-8844 x 20.

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