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### Media Advisory

#### **September is National Preparedness Month and State Agencies Urge All Nevadans to Get Involved**

The Nevada Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Nevada National Guard (NVNG), the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's (DPBH) Public Health Preparedness Program (PHP) and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) are reminding Nevada residents the importance of planning and preparing for any emergency.

September 26, the fourth week of National Preparedness Month (NPM) promotes Getting Involved. As National Preparedness Month comes to an end, the Nevada Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management is urging Nevadans to Get Involved before a disaster occurs. Through registering for America's PrepareAthon and practicing your preparedness action plan on September 30, 2016, we can all be safer. "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan today." Register at <http://community.fema.gov/>

#### **NPM Step 4: Get Involved**

Community leaders agree that homeland security requires volunteers, a trained and informed public and increased support of emergency response agencies during disasters. Major disasters can overwhelm first-responder agencies, encouraging individuals to lend support. In order to give support effectively when needed, citizens should register to participate in America's PrepareAthon, participate in a posted readiness event, or sponsor an event.

Get Involved before disaster strikes! Here are a few more ways you can help:

- Volunteer with a non-profit organization and be trained before the next event to find meaningful volunteer opportunities following a disaster in your community.
- Affiliate with existing non-profit organizations before coming to the disaster area.
- Be part of the community planning process. Connect and collaborate with your local emergency planning group, Citizen Corps Council or local emergency management agency.

- Find an event or identify local resources, build a team, choose a project, set goals and serve your community by improving the preparedness of your friends, colleagues and neighbors.
- Support relief efforts by donating cash or goods that may help meet the needs of your community in times of disaster.

This represents only a few of the many ways that individuals and community organizations can Get Involved to help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

For more information on how to be prepared through practice go to:

<http://www.ready.gov/get-involved>

Ready, Set, Go! Register your preparedness activities now: [www.ready.gov/prepare](http://www.ready.gov/prepare)

