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National Preparedness Month occurs every September to encourage and inform all citizens to be better prepared for emergencies in their communities.

Safety officials said that this is a particularly important and timely message because of recent natural disasters, including the devastating hurricanes in Texas and Florida and the powerful earthquake in southern Mexico.

The Ready Campaign (www.ready.gov), sponsored annually by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, aims to promote preparedness through public involvement all year long.

Fontana will be hosting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes next month, helping local residents learn how to take care of themselves, their families, and their neighborhood after a disaster. The program was previously being coordinated by the Fontana Police Department but is now being overseen by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department.**

The three-day CERT training will take place on Friday, Oct. 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p,m,; and Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cypress Center, 8380 Cypress Avenue in Fontana. For more information, visit www.fontana.org.

In addition, the Police Department and Fire Department will hold the annual Safety and Preparedness Fair in conjunction with the Let's Move on the Trail event in the downtown area on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 14.

This year's National Preparedness Month Campaign slogan is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." The campaign focuses on being prepared for natural or manmade disasters, and provides information on how to prepare ahead of time.

"In light of national emergencies taking place in other parts of our country right now, we are reminded that you can never be too prepared for an emergency," said Cucamonga Valley Water District Board President James V. Curatalo Jr.

Throughout National Preparedness Month, CVWD will provide resources to customers and employees in order to better prepare for and deal with any emergency.

Curatalo said that CVWD customers can rest assured that their water district is prepared if an emergency were to happen, because 92 percent of CVWD employees are First Aid and CPR certified; 14 employees are on the Confined Space Rescue team after completing a 40-hour annual training and 48 employees are operations level trained; 33 employees are HAZMAT trained; and multiple staff members are Crisis Communications certified.

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Small Fire in Landers Early Thursday Morning Z107.7 News Posted: September 14, 2017 Firefighters from the Mesa and Yucca Valley responded early this morning, about 1:10 a.m., to a small structure fire in the 55800 block of Valley Hi Drive in Landers. Responding units extinguished a small fire confined to a mattress and wall in less than five minutes. Two occupants that had been in the one-room cabin prior to the fire, but left before firefighters arrived, were reportedly uninjured. The fire was reported by the property's owner who lived in a separate structure on the property. http://z1077fm.com/small-fire-in-landers-early-thursday-morning/