

District 7 Disaster Preparedness Newsletter



“Take five minutes today and...”

- Update ICE contacts
- Charge battery bank
- Review family plan
- Test NOAA Weather Radio
- Verify emergency alerts
- Print emergency contacts

A Call to Action for Every American Legion Post

Preparedness begins long before a disaster strikes. It starts with understanding the resources that already exist within our communities and knowing where to find them when they are needed most.

Our District is committed to building a stronger, more coordinated disaster preparedness network, but we cannot do it alone. Every American Legion post has unique strengths that can contribute to disaster response and recovery. Some posts may have meeting or shelter space. Others may have volunteers, generators, kitchens, communications equipment, transportation resources, or members with specialized skills and experience.

To better understand these capabilities, we are asking every American Legion post in the District to complete the Disaster Resource Survey.

The information collected will help us develop a comprehensive picture of the resources available throughout the District. During an emergency, this knowledge can help identify available assistance, improve coordination between posts, strengthen partnerships, and support faster, more effective response efforts.

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Five Minutes That Could Make a Difference

Disaster preparedness doesn't always require buying expensive equipment or spending an entire weekend assembling emergency supplies. Some of the most important preparedness tasks can be completed in just a few minutes.

Take five minutes today to improve your family's ability to stay connected during an emergency:

- **Update your ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact** in your cell phone so first responders know who to call if needed.
- **Verify that Wireless Emergency Alerts are enabled** on your mobile device.
- **Review your family communication plan** and confirm where everyone will meet if you become separated.
- **Charge your backup battery pack** and keep charging cables with your emergency supplies.
- **Print a list of important phone numbers**, including family members, doctors, pharmacies, insurance providers, and utility companies. Don't rely solely on your phone's contact list.
- **Identify an out-of-area contact** that everyone in your family can call or text if local communication systems become overloaded.

Preparedness is not a one-time event—it's an ongoing process built one step at a time. Small actions taken today can make a significant difference when an emergency occurs tomorrow.

Stay informed. Stay connected. Stay prepared.

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Participation in the survey does not obligate a post to provide assistance during every disaster. Instead, it allows us to identify available capabilities and establish a foundation for planning before an emergency occurs. As we have discussed throughout this newsletter series, preparedness is built on planning, training, communication, and collaboration. This survey is another important step in that process.

Whether your post can offer a meeting space, volunteers, equipment, communications support, or simply a willingness to help, your participation is valuable. Every response helps strengthen our District's ability to support veterans, their families, and our communities when disaster strikes.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Disaster Resource Survey:

<https://forms.gle/3yHwAQQryjJ9NSC17>



Scan this code to take the survey

Together, we can build a more resilient District—one that is prepared to respond, recover, and serve when our communities need us most.