

WASHINGTON, D.C. – September is National Preparedness Month, and Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) is making important resources available to resident of the Central Coast to help bring attention to family and community emergency preparedness.

"We recognize National Preparedness Month to encourage that families and businesses take simple steps to prepare for emergencies," Rep. Farr said. "Preparation is key to effectively handling disasters, so having a plan in place and keeping emergency kits ready to go is important."

Here are two websites with information on emergency preparedness:

- Ready Campaign: www.Ready.gov
- Citizen Corps: www.CitizenCorps.gov

The Federal Emergency Management Agency this month will join the American Red Cross and a range of public and private sector organizations improve preparedness.

Congressman Farr has also made a sample Family Emergency Plan available online that each family can customize. The document is available here:

- <http://farr.house.gov/images/stories/Documents/famemeplan.pdf>

"I serve on the subcommittee that funds the Department of Homeland Security, which has authority over FEMA," said Rep. Farr. "I'm pleased that DHS and FEMA are continuing to move in a direction that equates Homeland Security with hometown security. It's their mission to keep Americans safe, and promoting emergency preparedness does just that."

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