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Storm Preparation: Plan Ahead to Keep Your Family and Home Safe!

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. With over 1,200 miles of coastline, Florida is exposed to more hurricanes and tropical storms than any other state in the US, making preparation critical for residents.

For this reason, Sunrise Fire Rescue's Emergency Management Division has taken pro-active measures to reduce the risk these storms pose to the City. These enhanced precautions led to Sunrise being certified as a "StormReady" community by the National Weather Service, having met the following preparedness criteria :

- A 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- Multiple layers to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public.
- A system for monitoring local weather conditions .
- Promoting readiness through community education .
- Training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.
- A formal hazardous weather plan.

Now with hurricane season once again rapidly approaching, be sure to have your own emergency plan in place. Here are some basic preparedness tips to keep your household safe throughout the storm season:

- Determine whether you live in an evacuation zone. Evacuation zones, routes, and shelter options can be found at www.broward.org/hurricane. Discuss with your family where you will go if an evacuation order is given. Be sure to plan for any family members with special needs, and for the care of pets in your home.
- Notify family and friends of your plan, and establish an out-of-area contact who can coordinate family members' locations and information, should you become separated.
- Make sure children know the emergency plans and family contact information
- Inventory your home possessions and videotape, record or photograph items of value. Review your home and vehicle insurance policies to ensure you have adequate coverage *before* storm season starts.
- Assess and secure your home's vulnerable areas.
- Determine your family's food, water and medical needs for a 3-5 day period, and assemble your hurricane kit according to those needs. A supply list can be found at www.broward.org/hurricane.

For more information, please visit the Hurricane Preparedness page on the City of Sunrise website, www.sunrisefl.gov. For on-going safety information, 'Like' us on Facebook at Sunrise Fire-Rescue and follow us on Twitter@SunriseFRD.