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September is National Preparedness Month

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Preparedness always starts at home.

It's no surprise that wildfires and blizzards top our list of possible hazards in Lake County, along with ice storms, flash floods, and power and communications outages. Any of these could cause us to have to evacuate immediately, or to shelter-in-place for several days without electricity.

September is the month to update your "go-kit" for evacuation, and your "stay-kit" for sheltering at home, and plans for children, those with medical needs, and your pets.

On Sept. 11, Lake County will participate in a regional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) drill to coordinate with partners and assist responders when disaster strikes. The date commemorates the 2001 victims and responders, and reminds us be prepared for the unexpected.

Other things you can do to be better informed and prepared:

Download the FEMA app for weather alerts and tips on how to stay safe before, during and after unexpected emergencies.

Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course and join our Lake County CERT team or other volunteer response groups. Call 218-226-4444 for information.

Visit Ready.gov for free online trainings, go-kit and stay-kit lists, and other publications.

