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## **Sarasota County stresses preparedness during September**

While attention may be focused on the Atlantic Basin and the 2010 hurricane season, Sarasota County Emergency Management officials stress the importance of being prepared for hazards from natural disasters to domestic security threats during September, which is National Preparedness Month.

“For those residents who do not have a family disaster plan, we encourage them to develop one now and ensure they can be self-sustaining for at least one week. If they do have a disaster plan, it is time to review it. The better prepared our communities are, the better able they will be to withstand a disaster event that would impact their lives,” said Robert Day, operations chief for Sarasota County Emergency Management.

Day recommends that residents take these four steps to be prepared:

- Assemble an emergency supply kit.
- Make emergency plans.
- Stay informed.
- Get involved in helping your family, your business, and your community prepare for emergencies.

For more information, visit Sarasota County’s All Hazards website at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

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