Emergency Preparedness Events in May 2015

During the month of May organizations across the nation promote a variety of events that the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) and other county agencies and groups use to encourage our citizens to prepare for any emergencies that might happen in our area. These events are:

**Older Americans Month:** Our citizens recognize older Americans for their contributions to the nation. Take time to prepare emergency plans and supply kits for grandparents and other older family members. For more information visit: [http://www.ready.gov/seniors](http://www.ready.gov/seniors)


**May 4-8, 2015: National Small Business Week.** The U.S. Small Business Administration sponsors this annual event to highlight the impact of our nation’s small business owners on our communities. DEM encourages our county businesses to have a business continuity plan that can help them survive and reopen after an emergency. For more information visit: [http://www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business)

**May 8, 2015: National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day.** Emergencies come in many forms, and they may require anything from a brief absence from your home to permanent evacuation. Each type of emergency requires different measures to keep your pets safe. The best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared. For more information visit: [http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals](http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals)

**May 10-16, 2015: National Police Week.** Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. We’d like to thank you, for the outstanding service and care you continue to provide to our community and loved ones. For more information visit: [http://www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek/](http://www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek/)

**May 17-23, 2015: National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.** In 1973 the President authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS, its practitioners and the important work they do in responding to medical emergencies. We’d like to thank you, for the outstanding service and care you continue to provide to our community and loved ones. For more information visit: [http://www.acep.org/emsweek/](http://www.acep.org/emsweek/)

**May 20, 2015: National Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day.** The purpose of the annual EMS for Children Day is to raise awareness about the need to improve and expand care for children in the prehospital and acute care settings. For more information visit: [http://www.emscnrc.org/Events/EMSC_Day.aspx](http://www.emscnrc.org/Events/EMSC_Day.aspx)