

8 Specific Things Faith Communities Can do to get Prepared...

1. Designate a Point of Contact Person for your church. It is also important to remember to designate a back-up for that person.
2. Network or form relationships with the other faith communities in your area.
3. Encourage other faith communities and clergy to participate in county-wide emergency preparedness efforts.
4. Develop an emergency plan or evacuation plan for your facility to have available for festivals, dinners, services, etc.
5. Identify and create a skills bank, a list of assets your congregation could offer during an emergency. Such as doctors, counselors, nurses, EMT's, persons that are bilingual, etc.
6. Create and maintain a disaster supply kit (or 2) for your church.
7. Keep records of your congregations/member, tracking all those who are vulnerable, have activity limitations, elderly, or disabled.
8. Develop a phone tree for your congregation as a way to contact members in the event of a disaster. These phone trees are for your faith community only, the county does not need a copy.