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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH: DIALING 2-1-1

AUSTIN – September is National Preparedness Month. The Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, urges all Texans to learn more about preparedness for disasters and emergencies. When disaster threatens, the key is to monitor broadcast media and listen to instructions from your local officials.

Another good way to get information that will help you is to dial 2-1-1 Texas.

2-1-1 Texas is a free service sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to help Texans get connected to the services they need by telephone or by Internet. It provides information on more than 60,000 health and human service programs throughout the state 24-7, with information updated continually.

During disasters 2-1-1 Texas can provide information on evacuations, road conditions and emergency shelters. It helps keep emergency responders informed about unmet needs in specific areas.

To learn more about 2-1-1, here are some helpful links:

[2-1-1 Texas General Information](#)

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