Emergency Preparedness Checklist

In urgent situations, recovery teams require clear guidance and access to resources for efficient emergency response. To assist in preparation, we've assembled a comprehensive list encompassing critical areas to address during disasters, supplemented by app, website, and agency support to aid you and your team in quick and effective action.

Coordination and communication are vital in addressing emergencies quickly and efficiently.

☐ Establish and maintain communication channels between responders, command centers, and other stakeholders.

☐ Coordinate activities through collaboration with other agencies, organizations, and government entities involved in the response effort.

☐ Keep relevant parties informed of developments and safety instructions.

☐ Keep detailed records of activities, decisions, and outcomes throughout the response operation for post-incident analysis and future planning.

☐ Request additional support if needed by neighboring jurisdictions or mutual aid resources.

Safety first so you aren't putting your team or anyone else's in harm's way.

☐ Ensure all responders have appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the situation.

☐ Evaluate the scene before you deploy your teams, such as structural instability, hazardous materials, and environmental conditions.

☐ Establish a safe perimeter by controlling access to the disaster area to prevent further harm.

☐ Utilize firefighting equipment and techniques to control and extinguish fires.

☐ Identify and address potential sources of additional danger, such as leaking gas or chemical spills.

Devise an activation plan listing to notify all vendors prior to a storm of possible needs of their services.

☐ Government agencies

☐ Utility crews

☐ Tree-cutting crews

☐ Road and rebuilding crews

☐ Debris cleanup

Schedule a disaster response simulation in off-season months, including a TEST activation of Corpay Lodging's Emergency Services, and ensure all needs are met before an actual storm occurs.

☐ Assess the situation: Understand the type and extent of the disaster.

☐ Identify hazards: Determine potential dangers to responders and victims.

☐ Establish command structure: Designate incident commanders and establish communication protocols.

☐ Develop a response plan: Outline objectives, strategies, and resource requirements.

☐ Ensure availability of necessary tools, medical supplies, and logistics support.

Become familiar with apps and online weather resources to monitor the development and progression of a storm system.

☐ **The FEMA app**

☐ **NOAA Weather Radar Live app**

☐ **Storm Tracker app**

☐ **wunderground.com**

☐ **radar.weather.gov**

In addition to the checklist, here are some helpful agency resources that provide guidance, training, and support for disaster response.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

FEMA offers a wide range of resources for disaster response and preparedness, including training programs, online courses, industry-specific guidance (NRF and ICS), and toolkits.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

The CDC provides guidance and resources for responding to public health emergencies, including infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and bioterrorism incidents.

National Weather Service (NWS):

The NWS provides weather forecasts in real-time, storm-tracking tools, educational resources, warnings, and advisories to help emergency responders anticipate and prepare for weather-related disasters.

American Red Cross:

The Red Cross offers training programs and resources for disaster response, including first aid and CPR training, shelter operations, and disaster recovery assistance.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):

NOAA provides a wealth of information and resources related to natural hazards, including hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, and coastal hazards. The website features interactive maps, educational materials, and weather monitoring tools.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

The NFPA develops standards, guidelines, and training resources for fire service professionals and emergency responders. The NFPA's website also provides access to codes and standards related to firefighting, hazardous materials response, and building safety.

Local Emergency Management Agencies:

Finally, local emergency management agencies often provide community-specific resources and support for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

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