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### Free Emergency Preparedness Presentation Next Wednesday

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s neighborhood services department will host a free emergency preparedness presentation next Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7 pm in the City Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Hwy, Suite B.

This presentation will offer how-to information, educational presentations and materials on how to prepare to an emergency. Guest speakers from the LA County Fire Department, LA County Sheriff’s Department, American Red Cross and other organizations will be present.

“Being properly prepared for an emergency is important and a must for all residents,” said Crime Prevention Officer Kery German. “Imagine that you have no electricity, no gas and no water. Imagine that all the businesses are closed or have nothing left on their shelves. In a major disaster it may be several days before help arrives. Do you and your family have enough food, water and other necessities to ‘shelter in place’ for a minimum of three days?”

“Because Southern California is prone to earthquakes, everyone should be prepared for one,” German said. “And if you’re properly prepared for an earthquake, you’re prepared for most natural disasters, such as fires or floods.”

“Remember, it’s never too early to prepare but it can be too late,” added German.

Some online resources to assist in emergency preparedness efforts include:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), [www.antelopevalleycert.com](http://www.antelopevalleycert.com), and [www.redcrossla.org/antelopevalley](http://www.redcrossla.org/antelopevalley).

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