

Ready, Set, Prepare!

PRAISE & PREPAREDNESS

Although natural and man-made disasters can be devastating, the damage can be minimized if communities are prepared. When emergencies and disasters occur, organizations like yours play an integral role in community readiness and recovery efforts.

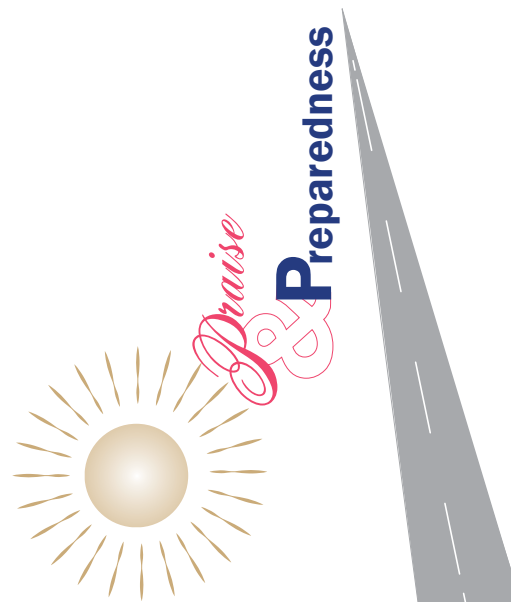
As part of P&P, we encourage you to take steps to prepare your members before disaster strikes.

Interested in joining our P&P Partnership Program? Simply complete or update a facility emergency plan plus perform three (or more) of the actions below.

- Create or update a facility emergency plan
- Create a communications plan to contact members in the event of an emergency
- Work with other local organizations to organize, sponsor or participate in an emergency preparedness fair
- Conduct at least one evacuation drill each year or participate in at least one statewide drill, such as the tornado drill conducted during Severe Weather Awareness Week each February
- Promote individual emergency preparedness to members, through a newsletter or other means

Once you have completed these actions, submit your P&P Partnership Program application package to praise@gema.ga.gov. Visit gema.georgia.gov/praise-preparedness for more information.

Sign up today and help reduce the impact of emergencies or disasters of any scale on your facility and your members – whether they are at home or at your facility.



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In recent years, Georgia has been hit by severe storms, extreme heat, a crippling freeze, deadly tornadoes and dangerous wildfires – resulting in the loss of property and even human life. Unfortunately, many Georgians are still not prepared for the next disaster.

**If Disaster Strikes,
WILL YOU BE READY?**

Praise & Preparedness – an initiative launched by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, in partnership with your local emergency management agency, faith-based organizations and houses of worship statewide are encouraging their members, employees and communities to prepare before disaster strikes.

WHAT IS PRAISE & PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM?

Preparation can start now in your house of worship or organization. In addition, organizations often play an integral role in local readiness and recovery, providing shelter and supplies before and after disasters. P&P offers three ways to build upon these traditional roles.

- **Facility Safety:** Conduct a facility safety assessment and complete or update the emergency plan for all the facility buildings.
- **Congregant Safety:** Encourage members of your congregation to develop family emergency plans.
- **Community Involvement:** Explore new opportunities for the

members of your organization to become involved in community emergency disaster relief efforts, feeding and sheltering programs.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

One of the main goals for P&P is for each organization's member or employee to be prepared in their homes. Here are a few things they will take away from the program:

1. **Prepare:** Create a Ready kit with the necessary supplies you and your family would need to survive at least three days without any aid. Consider seniors, family members with special needs and pets when compiling resources. Keep extra kits in your car and workplace.
2. **Plan:** Make a family communications plan that includes how you get in touch with each family member, evacuation plans and meeting places in case of a disaster.
3. **Stay Informed:** Monitor news and weather and make sure you have a way to receive weather alerts at home, work and on the go. Learn what emergencies could impact your area and how to respond.



Want to bring P&P to your organization? Visit praise@gema.ga.gov to download our toolkit of free resources and find out how to join the Praise & Preparedness Partnership Program.