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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNIT COMMANDERS

SUBJECT: 2008 National Preparedness Month

1. September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). As a national organization, Civil Air Patrol needs to encourage members and communities to be better prepared for emergencies. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sponsors NPM as nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Throughout NPM, DHS will work with Civil Air Patrol and other organizations to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness planning.
2. NPM focuses on four main areas. NHQ will send out weekly emails to every member to help focus these efforts. We'll also conduct a member preparedness survey to determine our internal levels of preparedness to compare with a nationwide study. The focus areas are:
 - a. Get a kit
 - b. Make a plan
 - c. Be informed
 - d. Get involved
3. Additional ideas, tools and tips available at www.ready.gov. You're invited to join as NPM coalition members and get a toolkit to help with your efforts. Consider posting links to www.ready.gov on your websites, and requesting free handouts from DHS to distribute to members and their families, visitors and anyone else that could benefit from our preparedness efforts. Look for local events on the NPM calendar and consider posting your own events that are of interest to the local community. This is an ideal time for to host events for your members and communities to become better prepared while also getting the word out about CAP. The NPM website has many examples of successful ideas that you might want to consider. For example, NHQ will conduct first aid training for all employees at Maxwell AFB.
4. Thank you for your support. We hope that you have a safe and educational National Preparedness Month.

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