



City of Bristol Tennessee

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Bristol Tennessee Fire Department **National Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month and the Bristol Tennessee Fire Department encourages and promotes community-wide awareness of emergency planning. Community preparedness is a responsibility that is shared by all of a community's stakeholders. This year's National Preparedness Month focuses on turning awareness into action by encouraging all individuals and all communities nationwide to make an emergency preparedness plan. Jack Spurgeon, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal said "The city takes pride in partnering with other emergency agencies and professional organizations to facilitate a community emergency preparedness event such as the one slated for September 14th. This year all activities will be held at Elizabeth Chapel Untied Methodist Church located just off of Hwy 394 at 1041 Elizabeth Chapel Road." The event will begin at 10:00 am and end at 2:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend in order to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to learn about emergency preparedness.

Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere without notice. Households, businesses and organizations should prepare to be self-reliant for at least three days in the event of services interruption of utilities, electricity, or water; without access to a supermarket; and, potentially without local services such as police, fire, and EMS responses. The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department encourages everyone to become involved with both individual and community preparedness which will serve to make Bristol a much safer place during any emergency situation. Chief Spurgeon also encouraged everyone to stop by the Fire Department for a visit, look over the equipment, visit with emergency personnel, and learn about emergency preparedness. For more information on emergency

preparedness or the community event, contact Chief Spurgeon at 423-989-5701 or email jspurgeon@bristoltn.org

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