

September is American Legion Disaster Preparedness Month.

The date of our local event is September 29, 2018.

The place is the American Legion Post 113 located at 22 W. Broadway, Meridian, ID
Begin at 10:00 Am and end at 4:00 PM

Through the speakers, the following will be described:

Natural disasters

Man-made disasters

Terrorist attacks

Speakers making presentations:

- Ada County Emergency Services
 - Will discuss our vulnerabilities and hazards in the community
 - How to make a disaster prep kit
 - Discuss CERT training
 - Describe NIMS
- Idaho Office of Emergency Management
 - IOEM at State level
 - How IOEM works with counties, other state agencies and federal partners (FEMA)
 - State disaster declaration process
 - Idaho ShakeOut – do you know what to do during an earthquake?
- Meridian Police
 - Neighborhood watch
- Idaho State EMS Communications Center
 - Describe State Communications
 - Relationships with other agencies
- Red Cross
 - Shelter programs
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Blood services
 - Disaster services
- VWREACT/ARRL
 - Latest communications techniques
 - Group make-up
 - How to volunteer
 - Where they have helped in past

Demonstration and displays:

- Meridian Fire Department
 - CPR training
- VWREACT
 - Latest communications equipment. My show how to perform world-wide communications from the Legion Post.
- Drone operation from Rapid-Aerial
 - Discuss drone operations
 - Allow patrons to “fly” drone simulator
 - Perform a Search and Recovery operation using Garfield the (stuffed) cat
- ARRL
 - ARES
 - Local ham operators
 - Licensing opportunities
 - How to get plugged in

Through the day, the following should be discussed:

Prepare for emergency situations

Respond to emergency situations

Recover from emergency situations

Prevent emergency situations

Mitigate losses in emergency situations

The attached pamphlet describes the American Legion program for Disaster Preparedness. The link is:

<https://www.legion.org/publications/160967/disaster-preparedness-guide>

Invitees include members of the community, Legion Members from District 3 (16 Posts), Borah JROTC, and the Boy and Girl Scouts. We expect around 200 people will attend the event but we will be prepared for more. Two food trucks will be on-site for patron convenience. They are Bang on the Wall Burgers and the Rusty Dog.