

SAFETY THEME

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., – A Service Organization of the ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA and the GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

The Safety Theme program is designed to help you get an important safety message across to all employees in a simple-to-use format that can be completed each month.

Monthly Poster Theme

Make copies and post them wherever you will get the most impact.

Training Calendar

Health Promotion Champion Training

Tifton	Sept 18
Statesboro	Sept 19
Macon	Sept 20
Cartersville	Sept 26
Gainesville	Sept 27

Law Enforcement Liability

Tifton	Oct 23
Macon	Oct 24
Cartersville	Oct 25
Douglasville	Oct 26

Safety Coordinator Module 1

Cartersville	Sept 18 (AM)
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Safety Coordinator Module 2

Cartersville	Sept 18 (PM)
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Safety Coordinator Module 3

Cartersville	Sept 19 (AM)
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Safety Theme Article

The article expands on the poster message for the month. Make copies and hand them out to each meeting participant.

In This Issue:

Participant Sign-In Sheets: Use the sign-in sheet to document your safety training.

Suggested Agenda for the Monthly Safety Meeting:

- >>> Assemble the participants.
- >>> Hand out copies of the article and pass around the sign-in sheet.
- >>> Read the Safety Theme aloud.
- >>> Discuss aspects of the theme relevant to the department, with examples. Ask for ideas and encourage participation.



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**Prepare Now.
Learn How.**

Hurricane Florence, September 10, 2018 Photo: NASA

National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM), recognized each September, provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year. This NPM will focus on planning, with an overarching theme:

Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

Take time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid; check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornados. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. Also, know how to take practical safety steps, like shutting off water and gas.

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, we will be the first ones in our communities to take action after a disaster strikes – before first responders arrive – so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.

Check out the great information at [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov). FEMA has great content for businesses, families, and communities, and action planning help. Here are a few more tips for local governments to consider.

- When was the last time you reviewed your city or counties emergency action plan?
- Are all contacts up to date?

- Is your plan current based on guidance from the county EMA director?
- Do your employees know what is expected of them in an emergency?
- Have you inspected your motor vehicle fleet to ensure everything works, is safe, and that they are fueled up?
- Under what conditions will you deploy your employees, during or after a storm?
- Do you have a safe protected location, for key or essential employees to stage in preparation for deployment in an emergency?
- Have you communicated your plan to your citizens?

There are a lot of things to do in preparation for an emergency. The time to do them is before the event, not during.



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<https://www.ready.gov/september>



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