Draft memo for organizational employees

Greetings,

Natural disasters and other life changing emergencies can happen very quickly, and it’s important to have as much information available, as quickly as possible, to make decisions to keep you, your family and the community safe.

This September, in observance of National Preparedness Month, we are asking all employees to take an active step toward contributing to a disaster-ready regional community. Please sign up to get emergency and evacuation alerts in your neighborhood, directly from your local first responders, by phone, text or email. Simply sign up at WarnCentralTexas.org or use the Warn Central Texas link on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ homepage.

The links take you to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) regional notification system registration, a service of Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties. Using this system, emergency responders can send hyper-local messages to your neighborhood, street or block where you work, live or travel.

All jurisdictions in the 10-county region can use the system to share critical emergency information with residents for events, such as:

•    Homes evacuations from floods, wildfires or public health threats,

•    Shelter-in-place information during a law enforcement or public health incidents,

•    Boil water notices or prolonged power outages, and

•    Options to receive general, non-emergency community messages.

It is important to note that newer model cell phones all receive notification from the federal government, such as Amber Alerts. WarnCentralTexas.org is a separate system, and critical tool for local first responders to reach you during an emergency.

While you’re in the system, consider registering loved ones. Additionally, we encourage you to share this link with neighbors, friends, and colleagues so they can be warned about potential emergencies.

Thank you in advance for participating in an effort to ensure our Central Texas community is informed and prepared to survive and recover from any emergency event.