



The heat waves and wildfires are taking center stage locally as the 2020 summer comes to a close. This has been quite a year, and there are many lessons we have all learned at work and home. I empathize with all those parents that are overseeing distance learning, and I want to stay committed to the health and safety of our employees. In that light, we would like to make sure you are prepared for emergencies at home and work. If

you and your family have been impacted by the Valley Fire, please let Team HR know so that we can support you during this time.

Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.

September is National Preparedness Month to promote family and community disaster planning. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be prepared. Over the next four bulletins I'll be providing information and resources on the following preparedness themes: 1) Make a Plan 2) Build a Kit 3) Prepare for Disasters (stay informed) 4) Teach Youth about Preparedness

Make a Plan: Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Here are four basic steps to making a plan:

- » Step 1: Download a Personal Disaster Plan at www.readysandiego.org/make-a-plan. Talk with your household & loved ones about your emergency contacts, where you would meet if you were separated, how you would evacuate.
- » Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household and incorporate them in your plan. Does anyone have medical needs or disabilities that require helpful equipment? Do you care for young children or older adults/ Does anyone speak another language? Do you have pets?
- » Step 3: Complete your plan. Take the information you have talked about and write it down, so you all remember.
- » Step 4: Practice, practice, practice your plan with everyone in your household. Call or video chat your emergency contacts! Practice evacuating – with your pets or service animals too.

Transportation Planning - Award of Merit

Congratulations to the Engineering/Public Works Department for their recent Award of Merit from the San Diego Planning Association for their work on Integrating Neighborhoods with Transportation Routes for All Connections (INTRACONnect). INTRACONnect works cohesively with the city's SMART Foundation PLAN (Safe Multi-modal Accessible Routes to School, Work, Shopping, Parks, Services and Transit) to prioritize needed transportation and infrastructure enhancements while focusing on sustainable benefits to National City. To learn more about the planning efforts that lead to this regional award [click here](#).

Together We Can! - Fire Department Fire Suppression

We have all seen the devastation across California with recent wildfires burning millions of acres of land including right here with the Valley Fire in east County. Thousands of families have had to quickly evacuate and thousands of structures were destroyed statewide. There are over 14,000 firefighters in California risking their lives trying to save people, pets and homes. The National City Fire Department currently has 10 firefighters deployed to assist with the wildfires throughout the state. We'd like to thank not only our brave firefighters but thank their families during strike team deployment.



Engine 34 – Valley Fire Engine Strike Team:
Firefighter Mike Mejia, Captain Brian Smith, Battalion Chief Sergio Mora,
Engineer Zach Stout, Firefighter Scott Harris