

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Emergency Preparedness Month
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
PRESENTED BY: Tony Burt, Police Chief

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Encouraging our citizens to prepare themselves for an emergency has always been an important component of the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

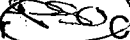

September is "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month." Proclaiming "Emergency Preparedness Month" in Shoreline is an opportunity to bring to the attention of our citizens the importance of taking actions to make themselves and their families self-sufficient for at least three days following a natural or man-made disaster or an act of terrorism.

The proclamation also promotes the use of National Oceanic and Atmospheric weather radios as an emergency preparedness tool. Further information about emergency preparedness can be found on the City's website by clicking on *City of Shoreline, Projects and Programs, Emergency Preparedness*. Under "Preparedness Resources" there is a link to the Washington State Emergency Management Division, where there is information about the weather radios.

Shoreline Police Captain Carl Cole and the City's new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Gail Marsh, will attend the Council meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year disasters disrupt hundred of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur; and

WHEREAS, September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, all Shoreline residents should increase their knowledge and awareness of emergency preparedness actions they can take to make themselves and their families self-sufficient for at least three days following a natural or man-made disaster or an act of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the use of information from National Oceanic and Atmospheric weather radios, which are available for purchase commercially, can reduce the loss of life and property from all hazards by sounding a warning alarm at any time around the clock; and

WHEREAS, the City is a source of information about how citizens can prepare themselves for an emergency; and

WHEREAS, individual preparedness leads to local, state and national preparedness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2004 as

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to implement emergency preparedness measures at home as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of our community and our state.

Ronald B. Hansen
Mayor of Shoreline