

## Committed to Excellence



Since January of 1996, the cornerstone of this administration has been an agency-wide commitment to excellence. The men and women who serve here are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and excellence.

As testament to our commitment, on September 19, 2001, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office earned the "Grand Slam" achievement for simultaneous accreditation of the law enforcement division, the correctional facility, correctional healthcare and the 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center.

Of the 3,088 Sheriff's Offices in the United States, we are the first in the nation to achieve this distinction. Clearly, we are raising the standard of law enforcement excellence in New Jersey, and gaining a very positive national reputation in the process.

As Sheriff of Monmouth County, I remain dedicated to protecting the safety of our 624,000 residents. Together we can increase awareness about personal safety, safety in the home, safety for our children and safety in the workplace.

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### Step 1: Call a Family Meeting

- Establish meeting places inside and outside your home and neighborhood. Make sure everyone knows where and how to contact each other if separated.
- Decide on the best escape routes from your home. If possible, find two ways out of each room.
- Establish an emergency contact (friend or relative). Call this person after the disaster to let them know where you are and if you are okay. Make sure everyone knows the contact's phone number.
- Involve every member of the family, share responsibilities and work together as a team during this meeting.

### Step 2: Make an Emergency Plan

- Post emergency numbers by phones (911, fire, police, ambulance, etc.). Teach children when to call 911 and what information should be provided to emergency dispatchers.
- Know how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
- List all home escape routes and regularly ask family members to recite them.

- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble an emergency survival kit. Emergency kits should contain First-aid supplies, including any relevant prescription medicines; flashlights and emergency tools such as a screwdriver, pliers and a hammer; as well as blankets or sleeping bags. Storing and maintaining a supply of potable water is also a good idea.
- Learn basic First aid. Classes are often offered by various community organizations.
- Keep important documents in a safe deposit box or fireproof container.

### Step 3: Practice and Maintain Your Plan

- Test your children's knowledge of the plan on a regular basis.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Check and maintain emergency supplies.
- Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries once a year.

## Create a Family Emergency Plan

In the aftermath of September 11, residents across Monmouth County are re-evaluating their own levels of disaster preparation, either manmade or natural. Families need to consider creating a Family Emergency Plan. Making sure that everyone in your household responds to emergencies in a unified, coordinate manner can make a life or death difference.



Having a Family Emergency Plan can save precious moments and help ensure a sense of order in a chaotic situation. Focusing on predetermined responsibilities can also provide a helpful distraction that keeps young children from becoming paralyzed with fear. The United States Department of Education offers the following recommendations to consider when developing your own emergency plan:



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## Is Your Family Prepared for an Emergency?

**First Sheriff's Office to hold and maintain  
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