



## Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

### Next Steps

Consider these actions beyond preparing a home emergency supply kit and a family emergency plan.

#### ✓ **Help Vulnerable Populations Prepare**

An American Red Cross study reported the least prepared people are the most vulnerable people in society. Encourage yourself, your family, your faith community or your co-workers to help those who cannot fully prepare by making extra emergency kits for a neighbor or an entire group of people.

Assist persons with medical needs and their caregivers in signing up for the Medical Needs Registry. The Registry will be used by first responders, shelter managers and transportation professionals to address the needs of people with medical needs. Applications for the Medical Needs Registry may be made on-line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds).

Talk with your faith community leaders about becoming a Social Needs Registry partner to assist your vulnerable, at-risk, or hard to reach members who are not medically dependent with information about transportation, shelter and situation related information during an emergency. Fairfax County will send Social Needs Registry partners emergency information that they can more effectively share with their more vulnerable population or member groups. To join the Social Needs Registry partner group, complete a Social Needs Registry application on line at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds).

#### ✓ **Prepare Faith Community Shelter and Evacuation Plans**

If you are at a faith community event and an incident occurs, does your community have plans and supplies to shelter-in-place or evacuate? Can your faith community welcome residents for temporary shelter? Work with your faith community leaders and the American Red Cross to think about and plan for these possibilities.

#### ✓ **Tap Into Faith Community Skills and Talents**

In all houses of worship, there are individuals with talents such as working with people, leadership ability, and technical or career expertise. Consider identifying and utilizing these members to help prepare for and respond to an emergency.

#### ✓ **Get Trained and Volunteer**

Learn more about the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council and its training, volunteer and outreach activities by visiting [www.FairfaxCountyCitizenCorps.org](http://www.FairfaxCountyCitizenCorps.org).

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Sponsors: Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Interfaith Emergency Planning Steering Committee, Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council, Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services Community Interfaith Liaison Office, the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, Department of Family Services and the Office of Public Affairs



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