

#### Hinds County is designated "StormReady"

On May 2, 2012 Hinds County was approved as a StormReady County. StormReady is a nationwide program that helps arm counties and communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property—before and during an event.

No community is storm proof, but StormReady counties/communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness.



#### E-911 Addressing

## Why do you need an E-911 Address?

Primarily, to assist emergency services in responding to emergency calls. An E-911 address helps emergency services to locate residents. A faster response time can make a significant difference in survival and degree of recovery. However, E-911 location addresses are also often required for phone service, building permits, drivers license renewal, land titles, loans, mail delivery, insurance and for other purposes requiring a site location.

#### EMERGENCY FIRE-POLICE-AMBULANCE 91

Hinds County Sheriff601-974-2900
Hinds County Health Department601-364-2666
Hinds County Board of Supervisors601-968-6501
Jackson Police Department601-960-1234
Jackson Fire Department601-960-1392
Jackson/Hinds Library System601-968-5825
American Red Cross601-353-5442
FEMA1-800-621-FEMA
National Poison Control Center1-800-222-1222
National Domestic Violence Hotline1-800-799-7233



# Hinds County Department of Emergency Management

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# What is Emergency Management?

#### Definition

Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

#### Vision

Emergency management seeks to promote safer, less vulnerable communities with the capacity to cope with hazards and disasters.

#### Mission

Emergency Management protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain and improve the capability to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism or other manmade disasters.

# What is an Emergency?

An emergency is an event, either actual or imminent, which endangers or threatens to endanger life, property, or the environment, and which requires a significant and coordinated response.

## What is a Disaster?

A disaster is a serious disruption to community life which threatens or causes injury in the community and/or damage to property and infrastructure. A disaster is beyond the day to day capacity of the local authorities and requires the mobilization and organization of resources other than those normally available.

# **Basic Awareness Training**

Hinds County takes the reality of possible threats very seriously. A vital step towards personal safety is to be aware of your surroundings. Being more aware does not mean you are looking for trouble, it is actually the most effective way to avoid it all together. Don't be distracted while in public. Don't get too comfortable and most importantly if you "SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING" to somebody or call the authorities. To aid in this area we are now offering Basic Awareness Training to Places of Worship and businesses in the Hinds County area. If you are interested in hosting a presentation please contact us at 601.960.1476.

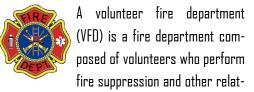
# Disaster Supply Kit



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends the following for a disaster preparedness kit:

- One gallon of water per person per day for three days
- Non-perishable food for each person for three days
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights for each person and extra batteries
- ◆ First aid kit
- Whistle
- Filter mask or cotton t-shirt for each person
- Mnist towelettes
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ♦ Wrench or pliers
- ♦ Manual can opener
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape

- Important family documents
- Daily prescription medicine
- ◆ Diapers/formula
- Special needs items
- Typically a three day supply of food and water is the minimum recommendation, having a larger supply means longer survival
- Small comfort items like toys for children, candy bars, or books to read are items that do not take up much space and can come in handy to increase moods during survival time
- Pet food, water, bedding, toys, leash, etc.



ed emergency services for a local jurisdiction. A firefighter may also volunteer time for other non-emergency duties as well (training, fundraising, equipment maintenance, etc.).

Hinds County has 12 volunteer fire departments. If you live in rural Hinds County you can apply at www.facebook.com/HindsEOC