

**HELPING YOUR BUSINESS, NON-PROFIT, or OTHER ORGANIZATION
PREPARE for DISASTERS**



**San Juan County Sheriff's Office
Department of Emergency Management**

The primary goal following a disaster is simple: ***to get the community back to normal as soon as possible***. Businesses, churches, volunteer groups, and non-profits become the driving force behind making this happen.

The first step is to set aside just a few hours to do some serious thinking about how your organization can and should respond. There's no good reason not to prepare now.

See Reverse for 6 Easy Steps to Help with Your Preparedness

For more information or to schedule a meeting with your organization, please contact the San Juan County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) at:

**360-370-7612
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6 Easy Steps To Increase Your Organization's Preparedness

1. First step is to check that everyone who is part of your organization has taken steps to ensure they and their families can be on their own for 7 days.
2. Have a post-disaster meeting plan for your organization. After your families are safe, where do you meet up? What if phones and internet are out?
3. Ensure that you've take steps to protect your organization. Have you backed up data? Have you quake proofed your facility? Do you have documentation for how your organization functions? Is your insurance in order?
4. Spend some time thinking about what sorts of new roles your organization might fill following a disaster. Churches can run shelters, libraries can become message stations, animal shelters become well, animal shelters, and groups of people who do trail maintenance can help with debris removal. Be imaginative, flexible, and most of all, be willing to help.
5. Establish ties now with other similar organizations to talk about post-crisis roles. Coordination is the key following a disaster.
6. Call 370-7612 to have someone talk to your organization about preparedness or to answer your questions.

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