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Resolve to be Ready in 2012 Don't Drop the Ball for the New Year

(MADISON) – What is your New Year resolution? Why not “Resolve to be Ready in 2012”. It could help keep you and your family safe.

“Wisconsin experienced its share of disasters in 2011 including a blizzard, 38 tornadoes, devastating windstorms in northern Wisconsin and a heat wave that killed five people and impacted the entire state,” said Tod Pritchard, Wisconsin’s Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. “Emergencies can range from inconvenient to devastating, but resolving to take easy steps now can minimize the impact of an emergency on you, your family and your community.”

“Resolve to be Ready” is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies by taking three important steps:

1. Get an emergency supply kit
2. Make a family emergency plan
3. Be informed about the types of emergencies that can happen in Wisconsin and how to respond.

The moment disaster strikes is the worst time to think about buying emergency supplies. Having food, water, medications, first-aid kits, flashlights, battery-powered radios and other items ready to go is essential. An emergency plan will help your family communicate during a crisis. And being informed about possible dangers near you could save your life. And don't forget, always have your NOAA emergency weather radio turned on for immediate alerts to danger.

Information about Wisconsin disasters, safety tips and checklists to help make your resolution happen are available at readywisconsin.wi.gov

You can also follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin) for great tips and real time information on emergencies in Wisconsin.

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