The Office Of Emergency Management Offers The Following Back to School Safety Message:

There is a lot that can be done by school officials to plan for disasters, to limit the risk, to protect the safety of students and teachers, and to ensure that schools recover quickly. However, the time to prepare in now! In California schools are required to have a disaster plan, to hold periodic "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drills and to hold educational and training programs for students and staff. Parents should know the policies and procedures of their children's school during times of disaster or crisis. Parents should also make sure the school has their



updated emergency contact information. Keep your children's school emergency release card current.

Parents have an important role in assuring the safety of their children whether at school or at home. The suggestions below are guidelines for you to follow. Prepare a school emergency supplies kit for each of your children. Let them help you put the kit together. What they have on hand when a disaster occurs could make a big difference in their safety and survival. A list of some of the recommended items that could be included in each child's emergency supplies kit is as follows:

- Emergency drinking water (3-day to one-week supply)
- Non-perishable food (3-day to one-week supply)
- First aid kit and book
- Essential medications
- Lightstick or a flashlight with extra batteries
- Identification card
- Family photos
- Towelettes
- Blanket
- Medical release card
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Change of clothing
- Favorite toy

Teach your children what to do in an emergency and make sure they know their own names, addresses, and telephone numbers as well as the full names and contact information for parents and a second adult emergency contact.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 951.413.3800

The Moreno Valley Fire Department Offers the Following Wildfire Preparedness Tips:

Wildfire is a rapidly spreading fire that could occur without warning. Moreno Valley Fire Department encourages all residents to be prepared and create a Wildfire Action Plan. Your Plan must be prepared well in advance of a wildfire.

Your Wildfire Action Plan checklist should include:

- A designated emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area to determine who has safely evacuated the affected area
- ✓ Several different escape routes from your home and community.
- ✓ Have an evacuation plan for pets and large animals.
- ✓ An out of area friend or relative as a point of contact as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation.

Remember the Six "P's" in case of evacuation:

People and pets Papers, phone numbers and important documents Prescriptions, vitamins and eyeglasses Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia Personal computer hard drive and disks Plastic credit cards, ATM cards and cash

For more information on Wildfire Preparedness, visit www.readyforwildfire.org/wildfire_action_plan



