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Emergency Preparedness Week – May 6th to May 12th, 2018

Arnprior, ON. Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is a national awareness initiative that takes place each year during the first full week of May and has taken place annually since 1996. It is a collaborative event undertaken by provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level, in conjunction with Public Safety Canada and partners. EP Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies: Know the risks, Make a plan & Get an emergency kit.

This year EP Week runs from May 6th to 12th, 2018. In Ontario the theme is “Be Emergency Ready – Stay Connected”. This theme reinforces the importance of individual and family preparedness, while promoting new emergency alerting tools now available to all Canadians, such as wireless public alerting through the Alert Ready system.

While wireless public alerting is a great initiative, not all devices are capable of receiving these alerts. Only devices that are LTE, 4G or WPA-compatible will be able to receive alerts from the Alert Ready system. That’s why the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) strongly encourages Ontarians to continue to subscribe to receive provincial emergency alerts by email, SMS text or Twitter by visiting:

<https://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/stayconnected/stayconnected.html>

This national event is an opportunity for the Town of Arnprior to remind residents to plan for emergencies. Disasters can strike anywhere at any time, and residents should be prepared to care for themselves, their families and their pets for at least 72 hours in a disaster, and up to two weeks in a health emergency like a pandemic.

Information on emergency preparedness can be found on the web at www.getprepared.gc.ca, on our local website at www.arnprior.ca or by contacting the Arnprior Fire Department at (613) 623-4231 ext. 2.

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When you review these public education materials you will see that it is easy to build your own emergency kit however, the Canadian Red Cross has a kit available to buy on their website (<http://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/emergencies-and-disasters-in-canada/for-home-and-family/get-a-kit>). A kit from this website will be on display at the Arnprior Fire Department during Emergency Preparedness Week.

Being prepared means having the knowledge, plans and tools to cope in an emergency. Throughout EP Week the Arnprior Fire Department works to provide residents with emergency preparedness resources in an effort to encourage citizens to learn about the risks in our community, develop a work and home evacuation plan, as well as make or buy an emergency preparedness kit.

As Emergency Preparedness Week is quickly approaching I would encourage all Town residents to take concrete actions to be better prepared. Experience has shown that individual preparedness goes a long way to help people cope better, both during and after a major disaster.

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