ANNOUNCING

National Disaster Preparedness Day September 4th, 2011

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(Palo Alto, CA; [9/4/2011]) National Disaster Preparedness Day, a Palo Alto based non-profit organization (NDPD), is hosting a city-wide event on September 4th, 2011, to raise awareness and preparedness in case of natural disasters. The day, which is the first of a proposed annual event, will be located at King Plaza in front of Palo Alto City Hall, at 250 Hamilton Avenue.

The event is open to the general public and will include information and activities to help citizens be prepared for disasters, including stocking adequate supplies for any type of disaster, such as earthquakes, floods, natural gas explosions, and fires. Demonstrations will be provided by the Palo Alto Fire and Police departments on what to do in the event of such emergencies and how to properly and effectively prepare for all types of disaster. Vendors will be present to provide discount coupons for supplies necessary for an adequate disaster preparedness kit, such as tents, blankets, water, and food.

The National Disaster Preparedness Day event includes food and drink prepared by the Palo Alto Fire Department itself. Local bands will provide entertainment throughout the day. All residents of Palo Alto are encouraged to come by and participate in National Disaster Preparedness Day and learn how to prepare and respond in event of an emergency or disaster. Emergency supply kit lists will be available and an example of a complete and proper preparedness kit will be on display for spectators to take note of. Disaster preparedness supplies will be given away to a certain number of attendees at various times throughout the day.

The mission of the NDPD organization is to raise awareness and provide education on emergency and disaster preparedness. More information about NDPD can be found at its website, NDPD.org, including supply lists and tips on how to properly assemble and maintain a natural disaster preparedness kit, and links to sources for purchasing the supplies. For further information about NDPD and to become a member or make a donation in support of its mission, contact NDPD at info@ndpd.org.