

American Red Cross Month Encourages Preparedness

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As March is being recognized as American Red Cross month across the nation, now is a great opportunity for businesses, citizens, and families in Rowan County to take a few minutes and restock your emergency kits and review your disaster plans.

"Our own local EH Dole Chapter of the American Red Cross continues to play a very important and critical role in local disaster planning, response and preparedness", said Frank Thomason, Chief of Emergency Services. "The Red Cross, it's staff and many volunteers across our county and region are a major partner in coordinating food and shelter during significant situations that occur here in our county. They also provide needed classes and resources to help citizens to be better prepared." The agency also offers a selection of CPR/AED, first aid, disaster response and emergency preparedness training.

Rowan County's **"ReadyROWAN!"** initiative continues to provide information for local citizens and businesses to be aware and prepared for emergency and disaster situations at any time. Thomason added, "We encourage everyone to build an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan, and keep informed of hazards in our county." For more information, visit www.readyrowan.org or contact the county's Emergency Services department at 704-216-8900 to receive a disaster preparedness guidebook.