

# SANTA YSABEL DISASTER/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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## SANTA YSABEL DISASTER/EMERG PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

The Santa Ysabel Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee, composed of Tribal government officials, community members, and allied agency personnel, meets regularly to discuss the community's Emergency Response Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, community training, and events to raise awareness and provide information on emergency response planning.



## WELCOME!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Santa Ysabel Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Newsletter. We hope that this monthly periodical will provide you with valuable information and resources with which to prepare your family emergency preparedness plan. Disaster can strike without a moment's notice and emergencies, by definition, are unanticipated, unwelcome occurrences. The difference between paralyzing catastrophe and resilient recovery during times of disaster is the extent of our preparation and knowledge. Our hope is that you will find this information helpful in developing your family's emergency response plan and in helping your neighbors and our community to safely navigate through disaster.

## Helpful Web Links to Assist in Emergency Response Plan Preparations

San Diego County Office of Emergency Services Disaster Preparation App:

<http://www.readysandiego.org/SDEmergencyApp/?nomobileredirect=true>

American Red Cross:

<http://www.redcross.org/find-help/disaster-recovery>

Inter-Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation:

<http://www.itltrf.org/>

San Diego Humane Society:

<http://www.sdhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=links>

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/344>

211 San Diego – Disaster Preparedness:

<http://www.211sandiego.org/disaster-response-program>

Disaster Response Kit:

<http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

Ten Disaster Preparedness Tips:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/09/10/disaster-prep-month\\_n\\_5790278.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/09/10/disaster-prep-month_n_5790278.html)



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## Our Youth Perspective By Krista Denmark

I have been a Fire Department Cadet for two years. It wasn't easy at first. I was told that girls can't be firefighters and that I couldn't do it, but look at me now. I'm still here, training, learning, and going on calls. I've discovered that you won't learn everything at once. You will make mistakes, but you learn from them. You learn that this program isn't about putting on a uniform and saying you are a cadet. It's about learning how to treat medical patients, fighting fires, and knowing your tools and how to use them. Being at the fire station, you learn how to be a family. You do everything together, you teach one another, and you learn from each other's mistakes. You help out with everything. Even when you're on a call, you look out for each other and make sure you and others are safe. I'm glad I am in this program and I look forward to taking this further in my future. I want to thank the Santa Ysabel Reservation Fire Department for helping me and for making this program happen. I also want to thank my mom for all her support and for being there for me.

## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

Look here for announcements of upcoming disaster preparedness, first aid, and CPR training offered to our community.

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*“We want our community and surrounding communities to have all of the information and resources they need to effectively handle any emergency or disaster.”*

*– Virgil Perez, Tribal Chairman*

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## 2015 SANTA YSABEL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SAFETY FIESTA

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual community **Disaster Preparedness Safety Fiesta** on the Iipay Nation reservation. The organizations listed below set-up booths and distributed information and tools designed to assist families in preparing for emergencies and disasters. Presentations were made assist in raising safety awareness. Fiesta attendees enjoyed great food, fantastic weather, the fellowship of neighbors, and children enjoyed the free face painting expertly provided by Tribal community member Daniel Maxcy and an appearance by Smokey Bear. We are tremendously grateful to the following agencies for their gracious participation in our community event:

American Red Cross  
California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Indian Health Council  
Inter-Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation  
Rez Riders  
San Diego County Sheriff's Department  
San Diego County Office of Emergency Services  
San Diego Humane Society  
Santa Ysabel Reservation Fire Department  
U.S. Forest Service