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County Office of Emergency Management Supports 'Register Ready'

Vulnerable Residents Can Sign Up for a Free Safety Resource

SOMERVILLE, NJ – Somerset County's Office of Emergency Management supports the New Jersey "Register Ready" system – a special needs registry for vulnerable residents to use as a safety resource during a disaster or other emergency.

Experts agree the best way of managing a crisis is to be proactive and have a plan. Residents with disabilities and others who have special needs can better prepare for an emergency by signing up for Register Ready. Through this safety resource, emergency response teams have access to each registrant's specific health and safety needs as well as their location.

Caregivers or family members can register on behalf of their loved one or patient. Each individual's personal information is kept confidential. The service is password protected and will not be shared with other entities. Personal information will only be used for wellness checks and emergency response activities. Register Ready profiles will expire after one year, so personal information must be updated annually. To register, call 2-1-1 for assistance or visit <https://bit.ly/RegisterReady2020>

Residents who are interested in more community support can contact the Somerset County Department of Human Services at 908-704-6300 or visit <https://bit.ly/HumanServicesPrograms>

The Department of Human Services is responsible for the supervision and administration of divisions that help support juveniles, youth, the aging, people with disabilities, veterans and other residents. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/HumanServicesPrograms>

The Somerset County Office of Emergency Management is responsible for Emergency Management Planning, Emergency Services Training Academy, Hazardous Materials Response Team, County Emergency Response Team (CERT), County Animal Response Team (CART), Search and Rescue Team (SAR), National Incident Management System Compliance, Fire Coordination and EMS Coordination.

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