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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Disaster Supply Kits / Are You Ready -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. February 17, 2010 – In the event of a disaster, you may need to survive on your own for three days or more. This means having your own food, water and emergency supplies.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people that assembling the supplies that you might need following a disaster are an important part of your disaster plan. You should prepare emergency supplies for the following situations:

- *A disaster supply kit with essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days-this kit should be kept in a designated place and be ready to “grab and go” in case you have to leave your home quickly because of a disaster. Make sure all household members know where the kit is kept.
- *Consider having additional supplies for sheltering or home confinement for up to two weeks.
- *You should also have a disaster supply kit at work. This should be in one container, ready to “grab and go” in case you have to evacuate the building.
- *A car kit of emergency supplies, including food and water, to keep stored in your car at all times. This kit would also include flares, jumper cables, seasonal supplies and clothing.
- *Assemble a first aid kit with basic first aid items.
- *Remember specialty items-consider the needs of infants, elderly people, disabled people, and pets. Medications should also be considered.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department hopes that you will never have to use your disaster supply kit. However, if you do, **Are You Ready?**

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