



**Our experience in Alexandria, VA June 2016
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Response Committee in Omaha wants YOU To Be Better Prepared for Disasters!

According to a recent Federal Emergency Management Agency survey, nearly 60 percent of Americans have not participated in a preparedness drill or exercise in their home, school, or workplace in the past year, 2015-2016.

As a participant in America's PrepareAthon!, SVDP Omaha's Disaster Committee Members want to share important information that will help you and your family be better prepared in case of a disaster.

America's PrepareAthon! Is a grassroots campaign for action to increase individual and community awareness, preparedness and resilience through hazard-specific group discussions, drills, and exercises for hazards relevant to their parish and home location.

At St. Vincent de Paul, our goal is to help you: Understand which disasters could happen in your community; know what to do to be safe and mitigate damage, such as making property improvements to reduce potential injury and property damage; Practice drills and share information to better prepare your Family, Friends, Neighbors, Parish, Faith Congregation, Conference, Employees, Associates,

Affiliates, and the Communities in which you are serving; and Participate in Community Resilience Planning.

To reach these goals, The St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Committee, will to the best of our ability:

1 [LIST ANY NEW PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES / ACTIONS AND PROVIDE RELEVANT START DATES]. For Training, drill exercises and retreats.

2. [DESCRIBE EXISTING PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES / ACTIONS THAT YOUR CONFERENCE, PARISH OR FAITH COMMUNITY MAY WANT OR TO CONDUCT].

3. Our Disaster Committee encourages you to visit: <http://ready.gov> for more information, resources and contacts and to learn more about America's PrepareAthon! How you can improve your preparedness plan for your family, your parish, work community and those you serve.

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