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Hope for the best. Prepare for the worst.

Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference April 2007

The focus of the conference was on building public and private partnerships. Our PTSAs have done an outstanding job creating partnerships between parents, schools, businesses, local governments, First Responders, etc. These partnerships are crucial in building positive relationships and a sense of community, as well as improving the level of preparedness in our schools.

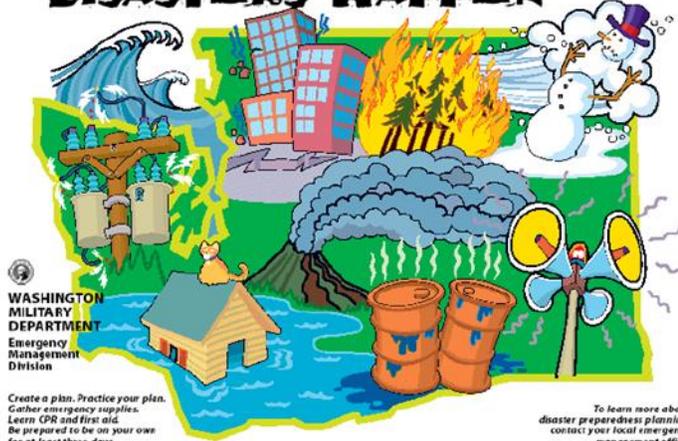
Something I learned about overcoming barriers to preparedness is to consider the audience when presenting information. How does your audience access their information? Are we presenting information in a variety of ways so to reach a variety of persons?

We need to make certain that we share our information without limitations. Are we being protective of our ideas, or are we openly sharing them with the rest of our community, so that they too can benefit from the information?

We need to work together to help each other. We need to be willing to reach out for help. Perhaps someone else has a solution to a problem that we are facing.

Most importantly, never say "can't". Those seemly insurmountable obstacles in our way can be conquered. We can realize our goal of having truly prepared schools. It may be difficult, but with passion, determination and a willingness to work together we CAN succeed!

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Create a plan. Practice your plan.
Gather emergency supplies.
Learn CPR and first aid.
Be prepared to be on your own
for at least three days.

To learn more about
disaster preparedness planning,
contact your local emergency
management office.

District-wide Earthquake Drill

*Earthquakes are the greatest threat
we have in this state.*

On May 24th at 10:00 AM our schools will be participating in a district-wide earthquake drill.

This will be a full response drill to test all aspects of the plan. Schools are asked to allow time for their teams to work through their responsibilities and truly test the plan. They are expected to post a communications person to man the radio and respond to the call from the district Emergency Operations Center.

**Ask your school's emergency coordinator
how parents can help during the drill.**

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