September Is Weather Radio Awareness Month in Washington

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An “all-hazards” warning system, used not only for flood and weather events, but also immediate life-threatening hazards like tsunamis, volcanic activity, AMBER child abduction alerts, and secondary hazards from terrorism and earthquakes.

Has a warning alarm feature, instantly alerting you to fast-breaking, potentially life-saving warning messages around the clock.

Is a key element of the Emergency Alert System (EAS), providing broadcasters and you with initial and immediate emergency warning information.

Programmable radios available permitting site and event specific selected warnings.

Weather radios have a battery backup in case of power outages.

Broadcasts the latest area weather forecasts and conditions 24-hours a day. Operates on special frequencies not found on regular AM/FM bands.

Awareness Month Activities include:

Governor Gregoire's Proclamation of Weather Radio Awareness Month.

Web Site information with consumer incentives on weather radios - www.emd.wa.gov/

Consumer incentives on weather radios from manufacturers and vendors.

Heightened awareness for schools and the emergency preparedness community.

Coastal Tsunami Warning Communications Test and Statewide Earthquake Drill on Sept 24 at about 1015 AM using EAS via Weather Radio.

Dedication of new Upper Cowlitz River Basin Weather Radio station on Sept 24.

Booths at the Puyallup Fair, Spokane Co Interstate Fair, Columbia River Watershed Festival, Thurston Co Disaster Fair, Renton Disaster Fair and many other outreach events.

Local retailers with weather radios - Fred Meyer, Radio Shack, Joes, REI, Walgreens, Cabela’s