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### **WELLAND FIRE CHIEF SAYS BEING PREPARED IS KEY TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Welland, ON** - Natural disasters may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and the impact of whatever emergency we might face. Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5-11, 2019) encourages Canadians to take action and be better prepared to protect themselves and their families during emergencies. Emergency Preparedness Week is a national effort for provincial, regional, and municipal governments to promote public safety,

“Be ready,” said Brian Kennedy, Welland’s Fire Chief and Community Emergency Management Coordinator. “By taking a few simple steps, members of the community can be better prepared to cope with natural emergencies.”

#### **It is important to:**

- Know the risks – Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to your area can help you make a plan.
- Make a plan – It will help you and your family know what to do.
- Get an emergency kit – During an emergency, you will need some basic supplies because you might be without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency.

Alert Ready is scheduled to issue a test message on May 8, 2019 in all provinces and territories. The Alert Ready emergency alerting system will be issued through television, radio and, compatible wireless devices. For more information on Emergency Preparedness Week visit [emergencymanagementontario.ca](http://emergencymanagementontario.ca). For more information on Welland Fire and Emergency Services visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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