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Are You Ready?
September is National Preparedness Month. This is a good time to take action to make sure we are all ready for an emergency. It doesn’t matter where you live or work, whether you are single or have a family or how old you are; emergencies can happen to anyone and we all must be ready. The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management wants to make sure Phoenix employees are prepared, and has created a web page with information including:

♦ What should be in your game plan
♦ How to build an emergency supply kit
♦ A list of emergency hotlines

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

During the summer months, blood donations decline by 65%, but the need for blood remains constant. Patients in Arizona hospitals rely on over 700 donors a day to provide lifesaving transfusions. With a little help from you, our next employee blood drive can help make a difference. Please help save a life! **If you need a little inspiration, read Nathan’s story.**

**Details:**
- City Hall, Assembly Rooms A and B
- Thursday, Sept. 21 & Friday, Sept. 22
- 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**How to donate:**
- **Make an appointment online** and enter sponsor code: **PHXGOV**
- Click on the location (Phoenix City Hall assembly rooms)
- Pick a date and time that works best for you
- First-time users will need to create a profile
- For more information, **e-mail Sue Schoenfeld**

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**CERT TRAINING**

Would you like to know more about how to respond to an emergency situation in your community? Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) includes disaster preparedness, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, terrorism awareness and more.

**Details:**
- Nov. 6 & 7: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Nov. 8: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 2485 East Buckeye Rd., PAAB conference room
- Visitor parking is available
- Register through eCHRIS using course code **AVCERT** or email Don Peyton

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**CIVIL TREATMENT CLASSES**

Did you know the city of Phoenix offers free classes to its employees about civil treatment? Two versions of the classes are available, one for employees and one for leaders. Both are refresher courses based on training all employees have already received. Topics will include: Harassment, mutual banter and bullying.

**Employees interested:** Tuesday, Nov. 28, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Calvin C. Goode Building

**Leaders interested:** Wednesday, Oct. 18 or Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Calvin C. Goode Building

To sign up, log into eCHRIS and search course name: **Civil Treatment**

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**STILL TIME TO SIGN UP**

**Reminder:** the city’s Green Team will once again host a Green Bag on sustainable living with a focus on the fashion industry. The event will help to kick off Phoenix Fashion Week. And a popular feature is returning - your boss may be walking the “green carpet” as a model so you do not want to miss this!

- Thursday, Sept. 21
- 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Calvin C. Goode, 10E
- Bring your lunch and earn TRIPLE diversity training credits under the city’s Equal Opportunity Plan
- RSVP by Sept. 15 at **Sustainable Fashion Show**.

For questions, call 602-534-1792

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**CITY 9/11 EVENT**

If you were unable to attend this year’s city of Phoenix 9/11 event, **PHXTV was there to capture what happened.**