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### **“RESOLVE TO BE READY IN 2008”**

#### **Delawareans Urged to Make Personal Emergency Preparedness a New Year’s Resolution**

In just a few days, nearly half of all adults in the U.S. will make at least one New Year’s resolution. Making personal emergency preparedness your New Year’s resolution is important to your family’s safety and is easy to keep.

“The start of a new year is a great opportunity for Delawareans to begin their emergency planning. I urge all Delawareans to resolve to be ready in 2008 by making an emergency plan for their home or business, preparing an emergency supply kit and learning more about potential threats,” said Delaware Safety and Homeland Security Secretary David B. Mitchell. “It is vital that our citizens take time to ensure that they are as prepared as possible in advance of an emergency,”

The Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security provides a variety of emergency preparedness information to the general public and offers public training sessions in communities statewide to help citizens prepare for the unexpected. In addition, citizens or community groups needing assistance with personal emergency preparedness can contact the Delaware Emergency Management Agency or Delaware Citizen Corps at (302) 659-DEMA.

In a recent national survey, 91 percent of Americans agreed that taking some simple steps to prepare could help protect themselves and their families in the event of an emergency. However, only 54 percent had actually started the process.

By visiting [ready.gov](http://ready.gov), individuals and businesses can learn how to prepare their families and workplaces for emergencies including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Materials, including family communication plan templates and sample business continuity plans, are available on the website providing Delawareans with the resources needed to make New Year’s resolutions that will bring piece of mind.

If you wish to take a more active role in your community's preparedness, get involved by joining or starting a Citizen Corps Council near you. Citizen Corps brings community and government leaders together to coordinate the involvement of community members and non-governmental resources in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. Visit <http://dema.delaware.gov/> for more information.