

Be Ready! Get a Kit! Make a Plan!

October 6, 2011

Upcoming events

Safety Week- at your school
sometime before Oct. 31st

Gatekeeper Training

When: Oct. 19th
Time: 8:30-11:30
Where: D.O.
For: Front Office Workers

Food Defense—

Bio/Chemical Incidents

Training— Be prepared for
intentional contamination of
school food supply -

When: Oct. 19th
Time: 1:30-4:00
Where: Warehouse
For: **Food Managers & Nurses**
& support services

Family Reunification Training/Planning

Where: Oct. 20th
Time: 10:00-11:30
Where: D.O.

Oct.-District Flu shots

Seat Belt Safety Video-making Contest!

Tell the kids about the SEAT
BELT SAFETY video-making
contest. They could win \$ and
the school could win \$. Go to the
public health website for more
info: swuphd@aol.com

4 more days to do...

Emergency Plan Staff Survey!

Did you complete yours yet?
Yes? Thanks. You are one of
1200 helping us to improve our
procedures.

No? Then please go right away
to complete the survey
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WCSDEmergencyPlanStaffSurvey2011>

[We want to know how prepared
you feel for emergencies at your
school. The results of this survey
will help us determine what you
still need in order to feel
prepared for emergencies.
[Really! Go now. Do not pass go.
Do not collect \$200!]

Shelter-in-Place

What is a shelter-in-place
protocol for?

When it's safer inside than
outside, usually due to an
environmental incident or
condition, like a hazardous
material spill. What do you do?
Listen for instructions as to what
kind of response to take. You
may be instructed to use that
mysterious duct tape and plastic
from your bucket to seal
windows and doorframe.

Quiz for the Teacher

What should you do when you
see someone in your school
without an ID badge? Choose
one: You should say...

1. "Hi, would you please watch
my kids for me for a minute
while I run back to my classroom
for something?"
2. Nothing, but smile big.
3. "Gee, I didn't know it was
cold enough outside for that
big coat," and walk away.
4. Say, "May I help you? The
check-in desk is this way." If you
are met with resistance, report it
to the front office.

Yes, you can!

Pull the fire alarm yourself
if you see fire. Don't wait to tell
the front office or an
administrator.

**Call 911 yourself and even
call for a Lockdown yourself.**
Example: If you really had a bad
feeling about the situation
described above (see Quiz for the
teacher), **you could call 911
and/or call for a Lockdown**
from your own intercom (if you
have the technological
capability).

**What should you do if a
student is missing? Call 911.**
What if the student is missing,
but it's only been 15 minutes?
Call 911. But, what if he's a
trickster and you're sure he's just
trying to be funny? **Call 911.**
Police and fire would rather rush
to the school and then find out
the student is asleep in the closet
than be called too late.

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Help Red Mountain win \$5000!

This year we had 6 schools participate in **Walk to School Day** on October 5th. Thanks to all of you who helped. We had a GREAT turn out at all the schools!

And guess what? Safe Kids USA is having a picture contest from the Walk to School Day event and **one of our local schools is a finalist.** Out of 1000 photos from 1000 schools that participated in the event, the photos were narrowed down to 10 photos, including one from Red Mountain Elementary!

Ask everyone you know to vote for Red Mountain Elementary (RMES) on the SAFE KIDS USA facebook site.

Voting starts today and goes thru October 20th.

From Heather Hallman- SAFE KIDS- St. George Police

Teen CERT

Do you have a youth group (age 14+) who would benefit from Teen CERT training? (*Ultimate service-learning opportunity!*)



We have equipment for one more group and would like to include some leader types who can lead out on an initiative to help other teens and adults be ready for emergencies or disasters.

We want to provide an opportunity for REAL, meaningful and impactful service; opportunity to work alongside First Responders and understand their roles; strengthen leadership; learn useful skills; and most of all, we want to up the probability that we will have strong and capable citizens there if we have an emergency!

Course is approx 22 hours. and can be scheduled in various ways.

Students can be WCS D students from school clubs, church groups, scouts, or even a regular school class that fits the curriculum (health?). Contact me ASAP:

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Lightning

Lightning myths? What do you think?

- Lightning never strikes the same place twice.
- When I'm in a car, I'm safe. Rubber tires protect me from lightning.
- Wearing rubberized rain gear or rubber-soled shoes will protect me from lightning.
- Everyone struck by lightning dies.
- Most lightning strikes happen on the golf course. I don't play golf, so I don't have to worry.
- Lightning victims hold an "electric charge," so it is dangerous for me to try to help them.
- As long as I'm in a covered space, I'm safe from lightning during a thunderstorm.
- Lightning strikes only during heavy rain.
- In a thunderstorm, it is safe for me to talk on the phone or take a bath.
- Carrying an umbrella does not increase my risk of being struck by lightning.



For Lightning Myth info, see...

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/ness/educatorsmodule/ed-cd-main-menu-1.html>