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National Preparedness Month

To encourage households to prepare for emergencies and disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and several other agencies ask you to take part in [September's National Preparedness Month](#). This year's theme "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," emphasizes the importance of setting up an emergency plan as soon as possible.

Each week of September focuses on a different environmental disaster:

- Week 1: September 1-5 Flood
- Week 2: September 6-12 Wildfire
- Week 3: September 13-19 Hurricane
- Week 4: September 20-26 Power Outage



- Week 5: September 27-30 Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day (September 30th)

Suggested actions to take include creating a disaster supplies kit, ensuring your car is stocked with essentials such as antifreeze and oil and making sure you have enough food and water.



Call for Articles

Do you utilize best practices that allow workers to stay healthy on-the-job? Have you developed training or technology that prepares workers to properly handle hazardous chemicals or other environmental hazards? Then share it with other members of VPPPA!

The next issue of The Leader will focus on environmental and health hazards at worksites. If you or someone you know would like to contribute an article for the next issue of The Leader, send the article to the [communications department](#).

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Furthermore, having a communication plan with your family is strongly advised. More than likely your family will not all be in the same place when disaster strikes, so it's important to discuss how you will contact one another to effectively communicate. It's also recommended that you subscribe to alert services through your phone that will notify you of bad weather, road closings and emergencies.

National Preparedness Month culminates with National Prepareathon Day on September 30. The Prepareathon asks you to start developing your own emergency plan. To help you prepare, FEMA provides [emergency preparation resources](#).

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Call For Director-At-Large Nominations

Each year, in conjunction with the annual national conference, elections are held for VPPPA National Board of Directors' positions whose terms are expiring. This year, a sitting director-at-large ran for a different position on the National Board of Directors and won the election leaving the director-at-large seat vacant. The National Board of Directors is calling for [self-nominations for the vacant position](#) and will appoint a qualified candidate at the November 2015 Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.

If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for the director-at-large position on the VPPPA National Board of Directors, please complete the [nominations form](#) and the management commitment letter found in the document.



[Click here](#) to see the requirements, duties, obligations and responsibilities.

Send your completed documents by **October 23** to the 2015 Nominating Committee Liaison Sarah Neely at sneely@vpppa.org.

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Winners of the Conference Contests Announced!

We had an overwhelmingly positive response to the conference's selfie contest. There were even a few people who were able to snag a selfie with all twelve members of the National Board of Directors! The board members thoroughly enjoyed meeting each person that they were featured in a selfie with.

Congratulations to the winners of the contest:

- Mark Landers
- Brian Murray
- Nicole Vigil



They will receive a gift card soon!

Additionally, the Twitter contest was hotly contested! There were many great tweets about the conference. It was a pleasure to see so many people be so passionate about workshops, the general sessions, keynote speakers and even the food! Thank you to all who tweeted about the conference.

Congratulations to Katlin Hanson for winning the Twitter contest. Katlin will receive a gift card.

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A Documentary on the Temporary Staffing Industry

"90 days before he was killed on his first day of work as a temporary employee, 21-year-old Day Davis texted a picture of himself to his girlfriend. An investigation reveals the troubling issues that led to Day's death and how the \$100B temporary staffing industry puts millions of American workers at risk."

On Tuesday, September 22 at 2 p.m., at the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington, DC, a showing of the documentary "A Day's Work" will be presented. The documentary explains the struggles of the temporary staffing industry. Attendees receive free admission if they [RSVP](#) ahead of time.



Location: Public Welfare Foundation
1200 U St. NW, Washington, DC

[View the trailer](#)

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Join Our National Congressional Outreach!

On November 18-19, VPPPA members from across the country will meet with congressional offices in Washington, D.C., to speak up for VPP and show that safety does not have a political party.

Don't pass up this chance to make your voice heard! We'll provide training and materials for these visits - all you need is your passion for VPP. If you are interested in taking part, contact Charlie Doss at cdoss@vpppa.org by October 21. Please note that these visits follow the National VPPPA Board of Directors meeting on November 17.

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