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National Severe Weather Preparedness Week – April 22-28

Reminder: Take note of Turn Around, Don't Drown Signs

Sacramento, CA., -- In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's first National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services encourages everyone to know their risks and be prepared. Safety officials are working together to increase awareness of planning and practicing before severe weather strikes.

Part of the local office's efforts to increase awareness and preparedness include a series of signs installed on local roads that are prone to flooding. The City and County of Sacramento, the National Weather Service Sacramento and the Office of Emergency Services worked together to install six signs throughout the region designed to save lives during heavy rainstorms.

The first of this type in the region, funded by the <u>National Weather Service</u>, the signs warn people about the hazards of walking or driving through flood waters, no matter how high, or low, the water.

Sign locations include:

Deer Creek at Scott Road and Arcade Creek at Winding Way and North Gate Boulevard between Del Paso Boulevard and Garden Highway.

"The depth and force of the water on flooded streets are often not apparent and we want to help prevent needless accidents with these signs," said Steve Cantelme, Deputy Director of the City/County Office of Emergency Services.



For more flood preparedness information, visit Sacramento Ready. For more information on severe weather, visit <u>www.Ready.gov/severeweather</u>. During emergencies, stay connected with the Office of Emergency Services by signing up for news alerts at <u>SacCountyNews</u>.