



# Media RELEASE



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## **CASPER – How Prepared are You for a Disaster?**

Carson City, Nevada - Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) is partnering with Carson City Emergency Management to conduct a Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Carson is the first jurisdiction in the State to conduct a CASPER. The information gathered from the door-to-door surveys will be used to better prepare Carson City for the next disaster or emergency.

Teams of volunteers will be knocking on doors throughout Carson City to complete brief surveys about household emergency preparedness. Households are chosen randomly meaning not every neighborhood will be selected and not every household within a neighborhood will be interviewed. Participation is voluntary and residents can decline to participate at any time. The volunteers will not ask for any personal information such as names or place of birth. All survey responses will be kept confidential. Survey teams will be wearing vests, badges, and special bags that will identify them as CASPER team members. Upon completion of the survey, households will be given some emergency preparedness information and tools.

CASPER is a nationally-recognized survey process developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is possible to conduct a CASPER through any phase of an emergency including preparation, response, or recovery. With September being National Preparedness Month, CCHHS is focusing this CASPER on finding out how prepared the community is for an emergency or disaster.

For additional information about the Carson City CASPER, visit the Carson City Health and Human Services website at [GetHealthyCarsonCity.org](http://GetHealthyCarsonCity.org) or call 775-887-2190.

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