

MEMORANDUM

TO: Disaster Preparedness Directors/Chairs
FROM: Jill Beasley, NSNA Vice President and Chair,
Disaster Preparedness Committee
SUBJECT: Summer Memo
DATE: August 10, 2009

It's been a great summer! The new Board of Directors had a very informative and productive time in New York and we have a lot of exciting things planned for this year. The 2009 -2010 Disaster Preparedness Committee's theme is *Disaster Planning: A Nursing Student's Role*. We invite you to go to the [Disaster Preparedness Committee web page](#) and review our six goals.

NSNA Calls on All Chapters to Participate in National Preparedness Month: September 2009

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Ready campaign. NSNA is proud to be a 2009 Coalition Member of the Ready campaign. We ask that you read the [FAQ's](#) and information about the Ready campaign, short and informative video clips, and fun activities for families now available on the [NSNA website](#). The video clips include important information to help your chapter and campus plan and get Ready for the needs of families and the community during a disaster.

Goal #5

NIMS Certification Program

At the 2009 MidYear Career Planning Conference and the 2010 Annual Convention we will award NIMS Certification ribbons to NSNA members who have passed the required NIMS online courses for healthcare and schools. To participate, just have members in your chapter go online to <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>, complete and pass these 4 courses: [IS-100.HC](#), [IS-100.SCa](#), [IS-200.HC](#), and [IS-700.a](#), print out your certificates for each course and bring them to the NSNA Registration desk at MidYear or Convention to receive your **NIMS Certified** ribbon.

Be Recognized at Convention for the Best Disaster Preparedness Projects

An NSNA Award will be given again this year for best state association and best school chapter Disaster Preparedness projects during the 2010 Annual Convention next April in

Orlando, FL. The 2010 NSNA Awards and Honors Booklet with applications will be available online in Mid-September.

See You in Phoenix!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Phoenix at the NSNA's 27th Annual Midyear Conference, October 29 - November 1, 2009. We invite you to participate in an important Disaster **Planning Concurrent Workshop on Saturday, October 31 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Immediately following the Concurrent Workshop, don't miss the Disaster Planning Roundtable from 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm.** The Roundtable discussions are a great mechanism for you to dialogue with other Disaster Preparedness Chairs and Directors from state associations and school chapters across the country.

Please contact me with any questions you may have at vice-president@nsna.org . We look forward to hearing from you.

2009-2010 Disaster Preparedness Committee

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