By the Numbers – Emergency Response

DID YOU KNOW?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remind us that natural and man-made disasters can strike at any time at home, at work or on vacation.

In 2017, 59,985 weather – related events resulted in 592 deaths and 4,270 injuries. Flash floods, tropical storms and heat waves resulted in the most deaths in 2017.

FEMA by 2015 found by survey that:

- Nearby 60% of American adults have not practiced what to do in a disaster by participating in a disaster drill or preparedness exercises at work, school, or home.
- Only 39% percent of respondents have developed an emergency plan and discussed it with their household despite the fact that 80% of people surveyed live in places that have been hit with weather related disaster.

The FEMA survey results are startling but equally startling – the disaster personal preparedness of Americans. Adelphi University for Health Innovation conducted a poll with the following conclusions.

More than half of Americans have not prepared copies of crucial documents.

Think of all your important documents, from the title to your house, to Social Security cards, passports and birth certificates. What would you do if you lost all these documents from a man-made or natural disaster.

Make copies of your documents and…