

**2014 Nevada Flood Awareness Week (FAW)**  
**November 10-15, 2014**  
**Ideas for Local Activities, Events**

**Counties/Cities:**

- **Staff Report to Board** - Annual status of flood protection in your county report can be scheduled to coincide with FAW. Schedule a staff report on a key flood protection item (i.e., updates on flood insurance maps, programs). Include the need for public awareness of flood risk and highlight FAW. Complement with a press release that calls attention to the staff report and Flood Awareness Week.
- **Proclamations** - Ask your mayor to sign a proclamation for this important community event.
- **Flood Event Exercise** - a functional or tabletop exercise may involve multiple jurisdictions demonstrating mutual aid, improve coordination & communication.
- **Slideshow Presentation** - general emergency preparedness PowerPoint presentation to educate your community, employees, members, customers, or other local organizations and businesses. ([www.community.fema.gov](http://www.community.fema.gov)). Templates for Nevada Flood Awareness PowerPoints will be provided for use in all communities by Cooperative Extension.
- **FLOOD HISTORY in Nevada communities:** On [www.NevadaFloods.org](http://www.NevadaFloods.org), we want to create a list of towns in Nevada, so people can click on their hometown and see photos of major floods, maps of what parts of town flooded, and other details of the top 3-6 river and/or flash floods to strike that town in recorded history. Please help us by forwarding details and photos of your major past flood events! We will post them.
- **Brochures/Flyers:** Cooperative Extension will provide electronic versions of fact sheets and brochures on flooding in Nevada.
- **Banner** - Add a web image to your website throughout summer and fall.  
[www.community.fema.gov](http://www.community.fema.gov)
- **Posters** - Display for visibility and awareness. [www.community.fema.gov](http://www.community.fema.gov)
- **Exhibits** - Reserve library or museum space in your community for November 2014 exhibits,
- **Flood Preparedness Meetings –Presentations** done by county supervisor, city council members, Police / Fire Chiefs, community movers & shakers. Venues - neighborhood centers, Rotary, Senior Centers, local businesses. Topics - flood risk to local communities, status of flood protection efforts & improvements, evacuation routes,

sources of accurate information, roles of various agencies, actions residents take to be prepared. Have plentiful handouts, can have very high exposure.

- **Safety/Preparedness Fair** - One or more communities. Partnership with NGOs (Red Cross, local fire department) and private sector (Hardware Stores, Schools). Could feature items to include in an emergency kit. Easy to fit into a pre-existing event format. Have a fire engine, etc., present to draw families.

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The consequences of flooding can be devastating. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Flood damaged homes usually can't be occupied while being repaired, so rent as well as the mortgage must be paid. When things like photos are lost in flooding, so are personal and family histories.

**For more information** about how to obtain assistance in planning Flood Awareness Week in your community, contact John Cobourn at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (775-336-0244 or [cobournj@unce.unr.edu](mailto:cobournj@unce.unr.edu)) or Jenna Damon at the Nevada Division of Water Resources, Office of the State Floodplain Manager (775-684-2833 or [jdamon@water.nv.gov](mailto:jdamon@water.nv.gov)).