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Subject: Flood Safety Awareness Week: March 18-22, 2013

The National Weather Service has declared March 18-22 as Flood Safety Awareness Week for 2013.

It floods somewhere in the United States or its territories nearly every day of the year. In the past thirty years, floods have killed an average of 95 people a year and have caused an average of \$8 billion in damages annually.

The goals of Flood Safety Awareness Week are to:

Inform the public about NWS forecast and warning services and flood information;

Heighten public awareness to the risks associated with all types of floods including flash flooding, storm surge, and those related to dam or levee failures; and

Empower citizens to take actions necessary to protect their lives and livelihoods.

Flood Safety Awareness Week will provide daily topics and information to help you prepare for a flood in your area, become a force of nature and help those around you prepare for, and take action during, a flood.

Questions you may be asking yourself about floods may include, Do I need to be concerned about flooding? How can I find out if I am in danger from a flood? What is the difference between a flood and a flash flood? How do I know how severe a flood will be? Is there anything I can do to prepare for a flood?

Follow us each day next week to find answers to these questions and more during Flood Safety Awareness Week 2013.

For more information, please visit our Flood Safety Awareness Week website at:

<http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/>

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