Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge.

1. Earn the First Aid Merit Badge.
2. Do the following:
   1. Discuss with your counselor the aspects of emergency preparedness:
      1. **Prevention**
      2. **Protection**
      3. **Mitigation**
      4. **Response**
      5. **Recovery**

Include in your discussion the kinds of questions that are important to ask yourself as you consider each of these.

* 1. b. Using a chart, graph, spreadsheet, or another method approved by your counselor, demonstrate your understanding of each aspect of emergency preparedness listed in requirement 2 a.) (prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery) for 10 emergency situations from the list below. **You must use the first five situations listed below in boldface**, plus any other five of your choice. Discuss your findings with your counselor.
     1. **Home kitchen fire**
     2. **Home basement/storage room/garage fire**
     3. **Explosion in the home**
     4. **Automobile accident**
     5. **Food-borne disease (food poisoning)**
     6. Fire or explosion in a public place
     7. Vehicle stalled in the desert
     8. Vehicle trapped in a blizzard
     9. Earthquake or tsunami
     10. Mountain/backcountry accident
     11. Boating accident
     12. Gas leak in a home or a building
     13. Tornado or hurricane
     14. Major flooding or a flash flood
     15. Toxic chemical spills and releases
     16. Nuclear power plant emergency
     17. Avalanche (snowslide or rockslide)
     18. Violence in a public place

Meet with and teach your family how to get or build a kit, make a plan, and be informed for the situations on the chart you created for requirement 2b. Complete a family plan. Then meet with your counselor and report on your family meeting, discuss their responses, and share protection of the injured person. Do the following:

.Describe the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident C System (ICS)Identify the local government or community agencies that normally handle and prepare for emergency services similar to those of the NIMS   
or ICS. Explain to your counselor

How the NIMS/ICS can assist a Boy Scout troop when responding in a disaster

How a group of Scouts could volunteer to help in the event of these types of emergencies.

Find out who is your community's emergency management director and learn what this person does to **prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from** emergency situations in your community. Discuss this information with your counselor, utilizing the information you learned from requirement 2b

7. Do the following:

Take part in an emergency service project, either a real one or a practice drill, with a Scouting unit or a community gency.

Prepare a written plan for mobilizing your troop when needed to do emergency service. If there is already a plan, explain it. Tell your part in making it work.

8. Prepare a personal emergency service pack for a mobilization call. Prepare a family kit (suitcase or waterproof box) for use by your family in case an emergency evacuation is needed. Explain the needs and uses of the contents.

* + - 1. Do ONE of the following:

a)Using a safety checklist approved by your counselor, inspect your home for potential hazards. Explain the hazards you find and how they can be corrected.

b)Review or develop a plan of escape for your family in case of fire in your home.

c)Develop an accident prevention program for five family activities outside the home (such as taking a picnic or seeing a movie) that includes an analysis of possible hazards, a proposed plan to correct those hazards, and the reasons for the corrections you propose.