September is National Preparedness Month. As part of National Preparedness Month, the Seal Beach Police Department Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program will be selling “grab and go” emergency kits and disaster preparedness backpacks. In the event of an emergency or disaster, help may not be available to respond immediately. All households should have basic items such as food, water and supplies available, emergency kits and disaster backpacks provide these essential items.

The “grab and go” emergency kits and disaster backpacks range in cost from $25.00 to $90.00. There are also single-use items available and a pet emergency kit. All proceeds from the sales of the disaster packs go towards supporting the VIPS program. The Seal Beach Police Volunteers Association, Inc. is a not for profit organization that has been approved as a 501(c)(3). If you would like to purchase an emergency kit or
disaster backpack contact VIP Sylvia Klebe at (562) 260-8919 or e-mail her at klebester@gmail.com.

The Seal Beach Police Department VIPS program provides thousands of volunteer hours to the City of Seal Beach and the Seal Beach Police Department. VIPS perform a variety of duties including staffing the Seal Beach Pier substation and providing uniformed patrols. For more information about the VIPS program, contact Cpl. Julia Clasby at jclasby@sealbeachca.gov.

For more information about National Preparedness Month and how to prepare for a disaster go to www.ready.gov.

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