News from the CHIEF!
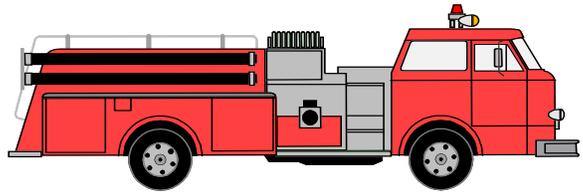P. Thomas Robinson
Gates Mills Fire Department
firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

September is National Preparedness Month! Now is the time to make sure you are prepared for emergencies. If you wait until an emergency happens it's too late to collect the supplies you will need or to prepare plans necessary to keep your family safe. At the bottom of the page I have included some helpful links for more information on Emergency Planning. Also you'll find links to apps for First-aid, finding the closest Emergency Room, and personal safety. If you read the online version of the Pink Sheet you can "click" on these links and will be directed to the sites.

An important yet often overlooked part of emergency planning includes a *Family Communication Plan*. It's vital to select both a local and an out-of-state emergency contact person.

The local contact should be a family member that is easy to contact and readily available. Their job is to coordinate the location of all family members and advise them of the location to meet.

The out-of-state contact has the same job and is needed because if a disaster takes place in the immediate area, the local telephone, cell phone, and paging companies may be overloaded but long distance service may still function.

Both text messaging and pictures sent by cell phones use "burst" technology and may work even if your cell call won't connect. This means that you can send a text message or even a picture of yourself and family members in front of your meeting place to the rest of the family.

Helpful Preparedness Links:

http://www.ready.gov   http://www.fema.gov   http://www.bt.cdc.gov

Links for how to perform CPR, provide First-aid, and find the closest Emergency Room:

www.redcross.org/mobile-apps/first-aid-app   www.emnet-usa.org/Community/finder.htm

Until the next Pink Sheet…

To contact Chief Robinson call: 440-423-1580 or email firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com