Peter Chandler
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

AUSLAN videos aid disaster preparation

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A campaign to improve the resilience of the hearing impaired community in the face of disaster has been launched today through a series of videos.

Minister for Emergency Services Peter Chandler said all Territorians need to be prepared and know what to do in an emergency this cyclone season.

“Getting information to all areas of our community before a disaster occurs is a key focus at this time of year,” Mr Chandler said.

“The videos feature Deaf NT AUSLAN Officer Vanessa Adzaip explaining the key messages for a number of scenarios, including what to put in your emergency kit, how and where to seek shelter in the event of a cyclone, and where to get important information.

“The messages are accompanied with subtitles for hearing impaired people who do not use sign language.”

The videos will be broadcast throughout the cyclone season on ABC and commercial television as community service announcements.

They are also available on the Police, Fire and Emergency Services YouTube channel, and all interested parties and community groups are encouraged to share these videos or embed them into their own websites.

Deaf NT Advocacy Coordinator Betty Franklin said it is great to see the project coming to fruition.

“I am looking forward to seeing the videos out in the community,” Ms Franklin said.

Mr Chandler said disaster preparedness should not be limited by language, disability age or any other factor.

“We all have the right to access information and advice to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our homes,” Mr Chandler.

The AUSLAN videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/user/ntpfes.
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