Responding to an Emergency Stats and Facts

FACTS

1. Individuals and families in storms who have matches, flashlights, and non-perishable foods and water stored in their emergency kit have an easier time.
2. Trying to get supplies after a disaster hit often isn't feasible. Big or small, if something happens in your area like flooding, winter storms, or black outs you may not be able to access roadways, grocery stores may be closed, and ATMs may not even be working. Local, state, and federal help may not be available right away so it's important that you're able to provide for yourself and your family following an event.
3. Don't count on using your cell phone during a disaster or using it as storage for emergency contact numbers.

STATS

- In 2017, 59,985 weather – related events resulted in 592 deaths and 4,270 injuries. Flash floods, tropical storms and heat waves resulted in the most deaths in 2017.
- FEMA by 2015 found by survey that:
    - Nearby 60% of American adults have not practiced what to do in a disaster by participating in a disaster drill or preparedness exercises at work, school, or home.
    - Only 39% percent of respondents have developed an emergency plan and discussed it with their household despite the fact that 80% of people surveyed live in places that have been hit with weather related disaster.
    - 48% of Americans lack emergency supplies in the event

of a disaster.

- 42% of cell phone owners do not know all their immediate family members phone numbers.
- More than half of parents do not have a designated meeting place in case of a disaster.