

Winners of “Pledge to Prepare” contest announced

DES MOINES – Winners of the “Pledge to Prepare” contest, part of September’s Family Preparedness Month, were announced today.

This year’s Family Preparedness Month activities were sponsored by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, Safeguard Iowa Partnership, Target and Iowa Emergency Management Association.

For the contest, Iowans were asked to submit videos showing how they pledge to be prepared for emergencies and disasters. Video contest winners are:

- **Michele Schmidt, Thornton**
Grand Prize winner of a \$50 Target gift card and a deluxe family emergency kit
- **Alex Stephens, Center Point**
Second Place Prize winner of a \$20 Target gift card and a large “Go Bag”
- **Andrew Maharry, Waukee**
Third Place Prize winner of a \$20 Target gift card and a large “Go Bag”
- **Matt Ellis, Knoxville**
Fourth Place Prize winner of a \$10 Target gift card and a small “Go Bag”

Iowans were also urged to submit their written pledge into a random drawing. The winner of the pledge drawing is **Gena Hodges** of Des Moines. Gena will receive a \$50 Target gift card and a NOAA Weather Radio.

Winning videos may be viewed at www.safeguardiowa.org. Prizes were provided by Target and the Safeguard Iowa Partnership.

For more information on individual and family preparedness, visit www.beready.iowa.gov.

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