Before your team heads out to a disaster zone, review this checklist to make sure that you have supplies to assist the victims and keep your team and yourself safe.

**BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT**

- Cases of bottled water
- Canned or pre-packaged food and a can opener
- First-aid kits
- Laptops
- Cellphones with chargers (car charger, if you have one)
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- GPS and/or foldable city maps
- Blankets
- Change of clothing and weatherproof jackets
- Dust masks
- Whistle
- Towelettes, tissues and garbage bags
- Basic toolkit, including pliers and wrenches
- Backpack or other means to carry items from location to location, if needed

**SUPPLIES FOR NEF APPLICATION PROCESSING STATION**

- Pop-up tents (ideally with the Legion name and/or logo)
- Folding tables and chairs
- Legion apparel to identify you as a member of The American Legion
- Backpack or other means to carry items from location to location, if needed
- Pencils, notebooks and clipboards
- NEF applications, TFA applications and other brochures about the Legion
- Portable generator

**CONTACTS**

Communication will be critical at the scene. Be sure to bring contact information (names, phone numbers and email addresses) for key people, including department headquarters leadership, national headquarters, local first responders and local Red Cross contacts.

Also bring the membership rosters for Legion, Sons and Auxiliary including names and addresses.

**OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER**

- Pet food, extra water for pets
- Diapers
- Fire extinguisher
- Feminine supplies
- Paper plates, cups, utensils
- Books, puzzles, games, stuffed animals for children