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Maui Electric hosts Lānaʻi community forum on emergency preparedness

LĀNAʻI, August 7, 2018 – With hurricane season officially underway, Maui Electric is hosting a forum for the Lānaʻi community on emergency preparedness on Thursday, August 30 at the Lānaʻi Senior Center. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments. Information on preparedness and response capabilities from Maui Electric, the County’s Emergency Management Agency (formerly known as Civil Defense) and partner agencies and organizations will follow from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“With early forecasts showing this hurricane season could bring three to six tropical cyclones, we invite Lānaʻi residents, businesses, and organizations to hear about plans we’ve been working on with local organizations in the event of an emergency or natural disaster,” said Sharon Suzuki, president of Maui Electric. “It’s also a great opportunity to ask questions as we always encourage residents and businesses to develop their own preparedness plans to ready themselves and properties for potential storms.”

When developing preparedness plans, the community should consider the following tips:

- Gather emergency supplies, such as a battery-powered radio, flashlights, lanterns, and batteries. Be prepared to monitor storm-related communications issued over emergency broadcast radio stations.
- Store enough water, non-perishable food, medicine, and personal hygiene supplies for your family members and pets to last at least 14 days.
- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electric appliances and equipment during a storm or a power outage. When power comes back and is stable, gradually plug in the equipment one at a time.

For more safety tips, refer to Maui Electric’s Information Handbook for Emergency Preparedness, available in five languages online at www.mauielectric.com/prepare. If there is a major power outage, Maui Electric will provide information to local media, including restoration updates. To sign up for text/email updates go to www.mauielectric.com or follow @mauielectric on Twitter with the following hashtags #LanaiOutage.

For more information on the August 30 community forum, the public can email community.relations@mauielectric.com or contact Kūhea Asiu at 872-3244.

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