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## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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September is National Preparedness Month, which offers an especially timely reminder following this past weekend's local, state and national observances of the 14th anniversary of September 11th -- the singular tragedy in recent American history which remains the most powerful reminder of the fundamental need for preparedness but, most importantly, the overriding importance of our first responders.

One prominent local observance took place last Friday in Gang Mills in Steuben County with the unveiling of the Tri-County First Responders Honor Park honoring firefighters, police, medical personnel and rescue personnel and teams. The new, long-awaited park's lead sponsor, Don Creath of the Corning Rotary Club, recently wrote of it, "These are the persons who rush into emergency situations to save life, limb and property from harm. While this park will honor and remember fallen heroes, it will mainly honor all those who have ever

served, especially those still serving.”

Well said, and timely.

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