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Local Non-Profit Hands Out Emergency Kits in S. Phila.

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South Philadelphia residents lined up early at 13th and Geary Streets to receive emergency preparedness kits that contain everything from a flashlight and radio to food rations. And there were several more opportunities for citizens to pick up their kits.

The kits were put together by the Sports Complex Special Services District. It's a non- profit that serves the needs of the 9,000 people who live in the Sports Complex area. John says the backpacks are a good idea:

"You don't know what's going to happen. Any catastrophe can happen anywhere. They've been happening all over the country. You've got to be prepared."

Retired Philadelphia Fire Department lieutenant Pat Bevelqua couldn't agree more after 21 years of responding to emergencies:

"It's very important to have it on hand at the time of emergency because at the very instant of emergency if you have it; that's when you can help somebody after that it's too late."

South Philadelphia residents who live in the vicinity of the sports complexes and want to pick up a kit can go to:

18th and Hartranft Streets between 10:00 and 11:30am
10th and Bigler Streets between 12:30 and 2:00pm
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