

## PREPAREDNESS IS THE KEY!

### NWS Honolulu at the Ko'olauloa Preparedness and Health Fair



*NWS Honolulu Meteorologist Anthony Reynes explaining the "Disaster Wheel" reference tool and spreading the preparedness message.*

On August 25, 2012 the National Weather Service Honolulu joined forces with the Ko'olauloa Community Health and Wellness Center during the 2012 edition of the Preparedness and Health Fair. The event was held at the Kokololio Beach Park in Hau'ula, Oahu. Meteorologist Anthony Reynes utilized the opportunity to spread the message of preparedness, awareness, and how to effectively respond when hazardous weather threatens.

The event attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd from all over the northern and eastern communities in Oahu, and underlined the importance of reaching out to the community in order to educate and motivate the general public as part of our efforts to become a **"Weather Ready Nation"** (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>). The wide variety of material shared with the public included educational and fun weather storybooks for the keiki, brochures, handouts with important preparedness information, and family action plans.

With collaborations like these, the National Weather Service in Honolulu is able to further strengthen its relations with the community, while promoting the important message of awareness and preparedness for hazardous weather, a crucial component in the fulfillment of our mission of saving lives and property in the Aloha State. Mahalo!