



LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA

DRILLS, EXERCISES, TRAININGS

HISTORY: 2011 THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT

More than 8.6 million Californians registered and participated in the Great California ShakeOut (ShakeOut) disaster preparedness drill that was held at 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2011.

Los Angeles County through the leadership of the Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management once again joined the following departments and agencies in coordinating the 2011 Great California ShakeOut disaster preparedness drill:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S. Geological Survey
- California Emergency Management Agency
- Earthquake Country Alliance
- Southern California Earthquake Center
- California Earthquake Authority
- American Red Cross
- State Farm Insurance

Also, the Los Angeles County family of departments and commissions participated in the 2011 ShakeOut too by hosting their own “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drills and events.

The State’s media event for the 2011 The Great California ShakeOut was held at a Target store located in Northridge. For the first time in the ShakeOut’s history a department store was utilized as a venue for the “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill which included actual shoppers and then City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The Northridge ShakeOut earthquake disaster preparedness drill also included delegation representatives from Chile, Mexico, China, and Japan who observed the events and activities taking place at different viewing points in the store which was a two-story complex.