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CITY OF COMPTON SET TO HOST STATE'S FIRST-EVER COMMUNITY-SPECIFIC ALL-HAZARDS INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE, JULY 9-12

COMPTON, Calif. (Thu., June 7, 2012) -- The City of Compton Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will be hosting the first-ever Community-Specific All-Hazards Integrated Emergency Management training course (IEMC) in the State of California to be held at the Compton Career Link (700 N. Bullis Rd., Compton, Calif. 90221), July 9-12.

The IEMC is a four-day course that will feature classroom instruction, two emergency exercises, and a recovery planning workshop. The course is designed to train City of Compton employees who work at the City's Emergency Operations Center during disasters as well as test the City's emergency plans.

"We are honored that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute selected the City of Compton Fire Department to serve as host of the first Community-Specific All-Hazards Integrated Emergency Management Course in the State of California," said Fire Chief Jon Thompson. "We look forward to hosting this course and we will continue our efforts in preparing our citizens for responding to and recovering from catastrophic disasters."

The IEMC training course will not only bring together City of Compton employees, but also representatives from the Los Angeles County Operational Area, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management, non-profit and faith-based organizations, non-governmental agencies and private sector companies.

Presently, there are 65 registrants who have enrolled for the IEMC including representatives coming as far as Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo.

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Mission: The mission of the City of Compton Fire Department is create a safe, self-reliant and viable community through prompt and efficient emergency services, effective fire protection and environmental control; and community outreach and training in fire safety, emergency medical treatment and disaster preparedness.