

Area E Disaster Management
Representing 25 Cities, Los Angeles Co.



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COMMUNITY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Regional CERT Training Exercise

Area E Disaster Management supports emergency management programs for 25 Los Angeles County Cities including Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, Los Angeles County, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Vernon, and Whittier.

With the increased seismic activities here in Southern California, what better time than NOW to prepare our communities for emergencies. Through a regional approach, Area E has promoted the importance of community preparedness by sponsoring C.E.R.T. - Community Emergency Response Training. The Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and municipal Area E City Fire Department's have provided C.E.R.T. training. All Cities and Agencies agree that Community preparedness is paramount to successful survival during disasters and emergencies.

On Saturday, June 9, 2012, Area E is sponsoring a Regional CERT Training Exercise focusing on Community Disaster Preparedness. This exercise provides an opportunity for community members to refresh the skills they learned during training and prepares them for disasters such as Earthquakes. With an Earthquake Scenario, this exercise will include household hazardous materials handling, disaster medical / triage, and search and rescue.

WHEN: Saturday, June 9, 2012 / 8:00am – 4:00pm (Exercise 9:00am – 355pm)

WHERE: City of Norwalk, CA, 15415 Pioneer Blvd (Cross street of Alondra)

VISUALS: "Hands-on" Search & Rescue, Live Victims, Triage and Static Displays by the Area E, City of Norwalk, and Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the municipal Fire Departments from Compton, Downey, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and Vernon.

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