



**SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY GO DOOR-TO-DOOR IN DELIVERING COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY SURVIVAL GUIDES TO UNINCORPORATED AREA COMMUNITY OF WEST CARSON RESIDENTS—MARCH 10, 2012**



**O**n Saturday, March 10, 2012, County of Los Angeles Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Fire Chief Daryl Osby, Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management Ken Kondo and firefighters from L.A. County Fire Station #36 (Carson) joined the Palo del Amo Woods (PDAW) Homeowners Association Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members in going door-to-door in distributing more than 800 County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guides to the residents who reside in the unincorporated area community of West Carson.

The PDAW CERT disaster preparedness event took place one day before the first year anniversary of the Tohoku, Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that occurred on March 11, 2011. Knowing that emergencies and/or disasters can strike their community at anytime with no advance warning, the PDAW Homeowners Association developed a disaster response plan that includes the locations of medical triage centers and incident command posts. The PDAW CERT program has more than 30 members whose experience levels include law enforcement, fire, public works and medical.

The PDAW CERT program should serve as an example for the County's unincorporated area communities to get involved in preparing for emergencies and/or disasters.

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