



The CERT News



San Bernardino County Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services (OES)

Morongo Basin Shakes Out

Morongo Basin CERT Hosts 2nd Annual ShakeOut Expo

The Great California ShakeOut On Thursday, October 18, 2012, at 10:18 a.m. over a half million people in San Bernardino County participated in the Great California ShakeOut. Held the third Thursday of October, participants DROP, COVER and HOLD ON in response to a simulated magnitude 7.8 earthquake along the San Andreas Fault.

This year Morongo Basin CERT hosted the community's Second Annual ShakeOut Expo. The event was organized by CERT Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Guinn and brought together

multiple public and private entities to emphasize the need for personal preparedness. In addition to informational vendor booths, CERT Members worked alongside professional rescuers during a mock earthquake. Visit www.ShakeOut.org for information.



Morongo Basin CERT Members work with fire personnel during ShakeOut demonstration.

Mountain Communities Ready

Lake Arrowhead CERT Hosts Functional Exercise



San Bernardino County CERT Members treat an injured "victim" during an exercise hosted by Lake Arrowhead CERT.

This past Summer CERT Members from Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs and Crestline conducted a disaster simulation at County Fire Station 91 in Lake Arrowhead. Under the direction of County Fire Battalion Chief Al

Krelnikov County firefighters and paramedics created a simulated earthquake scenario for CERT Members to practice their skills. CERT Members conducted searches and located and triaged victims before transporting them to the medical operations station located outside. Screams for help could be heard from the "victims" adding to the stress level of the exercise. Following the exercise Krelnikov and the participating firefighters offered praise for the thorough job done and offered advice for areas of improvement.

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UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES

- Angelus Oaks
- Big Bear Valley
- Crestline*
- Green Valley Lake
- Helendale
- Lake Arrowhead
- Lucerne Valley
- Lytle Creek
- Mill Creek Canyon
(Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village)
- Morongo Basin
(Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Pioneertown, Flamingo Heights, Landers, Johnson Valley, Wonder Valley, Joshua Tree)
- Oak Hills
- Phelan/Pinon Hills
- Running Springs
- San Antonio Heights
- Silver Valley
(Daggett, Yermo, Newberry Springs, Harvard)
- Spring Valley Lake
- Wrightwood

CITIES/TOWNS

- Town of Apple Valley
- City of Barstow
- City of Colton
- City of Fontana
- City of Grand Terrace
- City of Hesperia
- City of Loma Linda
- City of Needles
- City of Ontario
- City of Rancho Cucamonga
- City of San Bernardino*
- City of Redlands
- City of Rialto
- City of Twentynine Palms
- City of Upland

* Non-affiliate program

Ready to Respond

CERT Activation "SOG" Released



Emergency Services Officer, Cheryl Nagy addresses San Bernardino County CERT Volunteer Coordinators.

The long awaited CERT Activation Standard Operating Guidelines, or "SOG," was launched at the bi-annual CERT Volunteer Coordinators meeting in the Fall of 2012.

This document reflects the collaborative effort of OES and many of the CERT Fire Liaisons to answer the question, "How is a CERT activated?" In addition to the SOG, each CERT is responsible to create a CERT Response Plan specific to their respective community. The CERT Response Plan outlines how the CERT will function during an incident and once the plan is approved by OES and the local CERT Fire Liaison, it may be used to automatically activate the CERT during a major disaster.

At the direction of San Bernardino County Fire Department Chief Mark A. Hartwig an accompanying Operations Directive was created to outline how County Fire personnel activate a local CERT if needed. The release of these documents is the next step in better preparing our CERTs to respond in times of disaster.

SAVE THE DATE

CERT Train-the-Trainer

August 2-4, 2013

Call (909) 356-3998



Helping Hands

New ID Cards Issued

CERT Members from Lytle Creek, Morongo Basin, San Antonio Heights and Wrightwood helped OES staff update records and produce hundreds of new CERT identification cards. The new CERT ID cards identify County CERT Volunteers who have met all the requirements for membership. THANK YOU!



CERT Members Bill Urquhart and Judy Lafoon assist OES' Janine Valenzuela (center).

If You See Something, Say Something™

"Hometown Security"

With the recent arrest of three individuals (two from San Bernardino County) accused of plotting terrorist attacks overseas, residents are reminded of the importance of reporting questionable activities they may observe. "If You See Something, Say Something™" is a Department of Homeland Security public awareness campaign. The campaign is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, which emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities.

Things to look for...

- Be alert to unattended packages.
- Be wary of suspicious behavior.
- Take notice of people in bulky or inappropriate clothing.
- Report anyone tampering with surveillance cameras or entering unauthorized areas.

If you see these, or any other suspicious activity, report it immediately to your local law enforcement agency.

Visit www.dhs.gov/get-involved for information.

