

DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR
SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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August 22, 2008

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

September 2008 has been designated National Preparedness Month (NPM) by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The NPM is observed each September in memory of the tragic terrorist attacks on our homeland and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

The July 29 Chino Hills Earthquake reminded us of the need to be prepared, as individuals and employees. To ensure City employees are prepared, we are asking all commanding officers to communicate the importance of preparedness to their staffs. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure we each have a basic awareness of disaster preparedness procedures for home, work and in transit.

To that end, the Los Angeles Fire Department and Emergency Management Department, are hosting two Disaster Awareness Courses on September 11, 2008. A syllabus is attached.

Note: This course has been developed specifically for City employees and is scheduled to last for two hours. Course schedule information is as follows:

Course Title: Disaster Awareness Course

Date: September 11, 2008

Time: 1100–1300 hours or 1330–1530 hours

Location: Parker Center Auditorium (First Floor)
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Brown bag lunches permitted)

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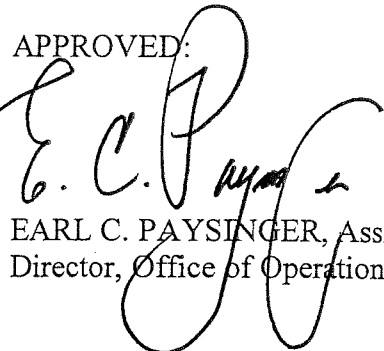
Reservations: Seating is limited to the first 200 people for each session.
Reserve your seat by emailing lafdcert@sbcglobal.net

Deadline: August 28, 2008

If you have any questions or would like more information on preparedness activities, please contact Carol Parks, City of Los Angeles, Emergency Preparedness Department, at 213-978-0549.


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Attachment

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM UNIT DISASTER AWARENESS COURSE



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The Disaster Awareness Course consists of the following:



1. Introduction to disasters and the types of disasters that the community may be susceptible to, including WMD incidents.



2. Review smaller emergencies that may be found at home or in the workplace, such as electrical shorts, fires, and accidents.



3. Mitigation and prevention of emergencies – specifically describing the benefits of evacuation plans and emergency supply kits.



4. Overview of basic search and rescue techniques and education on when such rescues are appropriate.



5. Overview of basic disaster medical operations and lessons in basic life support.

The Los Angeles Fire Department's Disaster Awareness Course was developed because of the need to educate the Citizens of Los Angeles in Disaster Preparedness.

This 3 ½ hour training course will provide an overview of basic Disaster Preparedness and serve as an introduction to the comprehensive, 17 ½ hour, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training .

The Disaster Awareness Course is designed to fit the needs of various types of people or groups. The training provides these people with the information to help themselves, family, and co-workers during times of disaster.

Disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation can minimize the effects of a disaster and facilitate recovery. The benefits of this program are numerous. It can increase our overall level of disaster readiness, provide emergency skills that people may use in day-to-day emergencies, enhance the bond between government and community, increased community spirit, and improve the quality of life for your family and the people of your community.

Spread the news about this FREE Program!