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DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



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PrepareAthon!



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September is....

National Preparedness Month. This year's theme is **"DON'T WAIT COMMUNICATE: MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY."** Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes, separation is a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school. It's important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; to reunite or make sure everyone is ok. **Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.**

BEFORE A DISASTER: PREPARE YOUR HOME & MOBILE DEVICE

- Maintain a list of emergency phone numbers in your cell phone

and in or near your home phone.

- **Keep charged batteries** and car-phone chargers available for back-up power for your cell phone.
- If you have a traditional landline (non-broadband or VOIP) phone, keep at least one non-cordless phone in your home because if it will work even if you lose power.
- **Prepare a family contact sheet.** This should include at least one out-of-town contact that may be better able to reach family members in an emergency.
- Program (ICE) **"In Case of Emergency"** contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel



can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone. **Let your ICE contacts**



know that they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or other special needs you may

have.

- If you are evacuated and have call-forwarding on your home phone, **forward your home phone number to your cell phone.**
- If you do not have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card to use if needed during or after a disaster.
- **Have a battery-powered radio or television available** (with spare batteries).
- **Subscribe to text alert services** from local or state governments to receive alerts in the event of a disaster. Parents should sign up for their school district emergency alert system.

DURING AND AFTER A DISASTER: HOW TO REACH FRIENDS, LOVED ONES & EMERGENCY SERVICES

- If you have a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 (**this service may or may not be available it will depend on the nature of the disaster/emergency.**) Remember that you cannot currently text 9-1-1. If you are **not** experiencing an emergency, **do not call 9-1-1.** If your area offers 3-1-1 service or another information system, call that number for non-

emergencies.

- **For non-emergency communications, use text messaging, e-mail, or social media instead of making voice calls on your cell phone to avoid tying up voice networks.** Data-based services like texts and emails are less likely to experience network congestion. **You can also use social media to post your status to let family and friends know you are okay.** In addition to Facebook and Twitter, you can



use resources such as the **American Red Cross's Safe and Well program** (www.redcross.org/safeandwell).

- **Keep all phone calls brief.** If you need to use a phone, try to convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family.
- If you are unsuccessful in completing a call using your cell phone, wait ten seconds before redialing to help reduce network congestion.

****SOURCE:** the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency September 2011**



RIVERSIDE FIRE - FAMILY DAY THANKS CERT !!



Paul, Vince, Joe, Debbie, David, Edwin, Ray



Margo

On April 26, CERT Volunteers assisted at the Riverside Fire Department Family Day Event held at the Fire Training Center. This day was set aside for Riverside Fire Department Employees and their families to see fire & rescue demos and to participate in fun activities. CERT Volunteers assisted with various tasks that included registering attendees and helping with Traffic Safety.



Phyllis



Extrication Demo



Chief Moore, Claudia, Angelina, Dave

SAT. MAY 9. 2015 - Riverside Fire Department - participated in the 2015 WEATHERFEST AND ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS EXPO - at the National Weather Services Forecast Offices in San Diego, Gina Perez Community Preparedness Coordinator & CERT Team Leader Ray Gayton-Jacob provided emergency preparedness info. Thanks CERT Volunteer Ray for helping out!



Gina and Ray

Promoting Preparedness in Riverside

MAY 14, 2015 - RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE CERT VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN THE 12TH ANNUAL SENIOR CONFERENCE AT THE JANET GOESKE SENIOR CENTER.

The Conference was sponsored by the Janet Goeske Foundation, the City of Riverside and the Riverside Police Department. CERT Volunteers helped promote disaster/ emergency preparedness Thank you to CERT VOLUNTEERS; **MARIA EGBERT, BARBARA NELSON, NORMA MCCARTY, MARLENE ODEBRALSKI, KATHLEEN KELLEY, DEXTER ESCOBAR, LARRY HERNANDEZ & GINA PEREZ, COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR** Great job CERT!



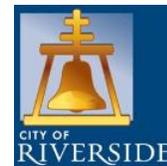
JUNE 18, 2015 - RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE CERT VOLUNTEERS MARIO RIVERA, MARGO MILEY, CLAUDIA KWIECIEN & COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR GINA PEREZ, PARTICIPATED IN THE RIVERSIDE BUSINESS EXPO & MIXER held at the Riverside Convention Center. They helped promote disaster/ emergency preparedness and explained the importance of having a strong Business Continuity Plan.

RIVERSIDE BUSINESS EXPO & MIXER
Sponsored by:

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015



June 30, Riverside Fire Dept. participated in the City Employee Ice Cream Social Safety Fair Event with HANDS ONLY™ CPR & AED Training by EMS Coord. Kristen Clements, FFPM Miguel Ahumada and FF Matt Powell. **City Employee CERT Volunteers Karen McCoy, Carol Blake, Kim Sabatello, Anna Hauldren, Laura Martinez, Kaye Powley and CERT Prog. Manager Gina Perez** provided information on Emergency Preparedness/ CERT Training.





CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 59 - MAY 2015



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: **Dexter Escobar, Susan Ewald, Julian Gifford, Mae Go, Cathy Grant, Chris Grant, Thomas Ham, Julia Henschel, Thomas Henschel, Averie Hurtig, Jeff Hurtig, Kathleen Kelley, The-Khai Luu, Norma McCarty, Gabriela Mendoza, Francis Palacio, Steven Purdy, Shani Pynn, Cesar Rendon, Courtney Sabatello, Alexis Salinas, Isabella Trunko, Logan Wilson**
 Thanks CERT "VICTIMS": **Chris Acosta and Kim Sabatello**
CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Firefighter Wayne Hess, CERT Program Manager Gina Perez and , K-9 Handler Peter Sellas,



Julia & Thomas Henschel practice applying a splint during the Disaster Medical Unit.



CERT Participants Gabriela Mendoza & Ali Salinas use the PASS System to extinguish the fire, Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep.



CERT Participants organize into their Fire, Search & Rescue & Medical Teams to practice skills learned.

CERT Adv. Training– Triage & Disaster First Aid



On **WED. APRIL 15, 2015** - FIRE CAPT. JOHN PEURIFOY, COMMUNITY PREP COORDINATOR GINA PEREZ, CERT INSTRUCTOR PETER SELLAS, provided refresher training on TRIAGE with the 30-2-Can't Do method. CERT Members also practiced Disaster First aid Skills and Head to Toe Assessments.

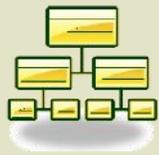


THANK YOU! To RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE EXPLORER POST # 101 for helping out by being "Victims" to be triaged, transported and treated, they always do a great job helping us practice!



CERT Adv. Training– ICS - Team Organization Refresher

On May 20, 2015 our **CERT Advanced Training -TEAM ORGANIZATION & INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM. Emergency Services Administrator, Anthony Coletta** provided refresher training on the Incident Command System (ICS) and how CERT members can organize teams when



responding in their neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, or while traveling after a major disaster or emergency. CERT Members practiced a tabletop exercise that involved prioritizing response to incidents and organizing resources. It's important for CERT Members to practice skills learned so that they can be ready to take appropriate actions that help them stay safe!

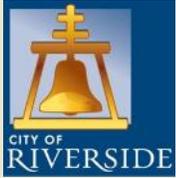


CERT Adv. Training - Radio Communication in Disasters



JUNE 27, RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE CERT joined RCARA & RACES Amateur Radio Groups for the 2015 HAM Radio Field Day event held at Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park. We held our CERT Advanced Training on Radio Communication in Disasters on Sat. our Instructors were from the CERT Radio Team; **Ray Gayton-Jacob, Paul Braiman and Rick Schirmer**. Thanks to the CERT Members who attended and to everyone who helped make the event a success, especially **Marlene Odebralski & her TEAM**. What a great opportunity to test Amateur Radio Operations and other communication methods!





Ready Riverside 2015 - City of Riverside Disaster Full Scale Exercise



MAY 11-15, City of Riverside First Responders & City Staff Disaster Full Scale Exercise.

The City of Riverside conducted a city-wide disaster exercise that provided First Responders and City Staff the opportunity to validate emergency response plans.

CERT Volunteers, **RAY GAYTON- JACOB, INGRID LEMASTERS, WENDY CAPRIO, JOE HAMLIN, MARIO RIVERA JR., JAY DUMAN**, participated by providing injects and simulated calls for service to various Staff assigned to the Emergency Operations Center during the exercise.

Thanks for your help CERT!



The Great California ShakeOut
Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

Register today at ShakeOut.org/california

Individuals and Families

At 10:15 a.m. on October 15, 2015, millions of Californians will “**Drop, Cover, and Hold On**” in The Great California ShakeOut, the state’s largest earthquake drill ever! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drill wherever you are at 10:15 a.m. on 10/15!

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a “**Drop, Cover, and Hold On**” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.

Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great California ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

Everyone can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register their participation at: ShakeOut.org/california



Strong El Niño Headed Our Way

A strong El Niño is on tap for us according to an updated forecast released by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA reported that there is a high probability of a strong El Niño lasting through Spring 2016.

El Niño is an anomalous, yet periodic, warming of the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. For reasons still not well understood, every 2-7 years, this patch of ocean warms for six to 18 months.

The declaration that El Niño is likely to last into spring is important for the United States since precipitation and temperature impacts from a moderate-to-strong El Niño are typically most noticeable during the colder months.

There's also an increasing chance El Niño may become stronger, perhaps the strongest since the 1997-1998 episode and, thus, may play a stronger role in your weather. **What does this mean to you?** Wetter, longer and more persistent winter weather season will produce more precipitation (snow in higher elevations and rain in lower elevations) than we have seen in almost 20 years. As we say, **Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Emergencies** will go a long way to ensuring you are ready for whatever El Niño brings our way.

Ensure your Family Emergency Plan is up to date, check Emergency Supplies and Emergency Kits, Stay Informed of El Niño and all other weather forecasts, and Stay Involved in assisting your neighbors in their preparedness efforts. More Information: www.readyriverside.com; www.stormready.noaa.gov; www.elnino.noaa.gov.



SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

CERT 20-Hour Basic Course Training

SEPTEMBER 2015

**Riverside City Employee Only
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
20 Hour Basic Course**

Location: Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates:

- Sept. 3 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 8 Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 10 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 15 Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 17 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 22 Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 24 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Must attend all dates for FEMA Certificate

NOVEMBER 2015

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
20 Hour Basic Course**

Location: Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates:

- November 6, Friday
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- November 7, Saturday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- November 8, Sunday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Must attend all dates for FEMA Certificate Course

Online Registration at:

<http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx>

Course fee \$15.00.

CERT ADVANCED TRAINING

RIVERSIDE CERT Members Only

Register early classes with less than 15 registered will have to be cancelled.

Online registration at:

www.riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingAdvanced.aspx

• CERT Adv. Training

HAM RADIO PROGRAMMING

August 26, Wednesday

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Instructor: Riverside City Fire CERT Radio Team

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

CERT Volunteers Needed

♦ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

**Riverside Fire Department
Office of Emergency Management
5th Annual Ready Riverside
Emergency Preparedness Fair**

**Location: 2755 CANYON SPRINGS PKWY
TARGET STORE PARKING LOT
11:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Shifts Available

- **Shift 1 - 8:00 am - 10:00 am**
- **Shift 2 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- **Shift 3 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

To Volunteer for this event Contact:

Gina Perez- Community Preparedness Coordinator at
(951) 320-8112 or email gperez@riversideca.gov.

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Riverside Fire Department
Office of Emergency Management

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
5th Annual READY RIVERSIDE

Emergency Preparedness Fair



Sat., September 19, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



2755 Canyon Springs Pkwy, Riverside
Target Store Parking Lot

PREPAREDNESS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!
GET A KIT - MAKE A PLAN - BE INFORMED - GET INVOLVED

- ◆ Learn what to do BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A DISASTER ◆
- ◆ Learn Hands-Only™ CPR ◆ ◆ Fire Safety Trailer ◆
- ◆ See Rescue & K-9 Search Dog Demos ◆
- ◆ Learn How to Build Your Emergency Kit & Family Disaster Plan ◆



For info contact: Community Preparedness Coordinator Gina Perez at gperez@riversideca.gov
www.readyriverside.com www.facebook.com/CityOfRiversideCert

IMPORTANT

Have you moved or changed your email address or phone number?



Give us a call (951.320.8112) or
send Gina Perez an email
(gperez@riversideca.gov) and
update your contact
information.