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# CITY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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## "BE DISASTER AWARE, TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE"

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps encouraging families to take action now to

prepare for future emergencies and disasters in their homes, businesses, and communities. This year's theme is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare."



While September is the month for recognizing national preparedness, the goal is to make preparedness a part of our lives every day and not just one single month. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 5 - 7 days.

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force evacuation from or confinement to your home or work place.

What would you do if water, gas, electricity, or telephone service were cut off? How would you reconnect with family if you were at work? HOW DISASTER READY ARE YOU?

Here are four simple steps that will help you be Riverside Ready!

- ◆ **Get a Kit** - Emergency supplies
- ◆ **Make a Plan** - For what to do in an emergency
- ◆ **Be Informed** - Know what type of emergencies that could happen in your area, and identify sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency

◆ **Get involved** - Get trained in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)- CPR & First Aid  
We must work together to develop capabilities to respond quickly, and recover in a way that increases our community's resilience.

For information on Emergency Preparedness & Response Programs Riverside Fire Department Office of Emergency Management go to: [www.readyriverside.com](http://www.readyriverside.com)



Plan to attend the 4th Annual Ready Riverside Emergency Preparedness Fair

Sat. September, 27, 2014  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

3520 Tyler Street, Riverside  
Target Store Parking Lot

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# EVACUATION

Evacuation orders may come with little or no warning. Here are some tips to prepare for the possibility of evacuating as part of your personal preparedness efforts.

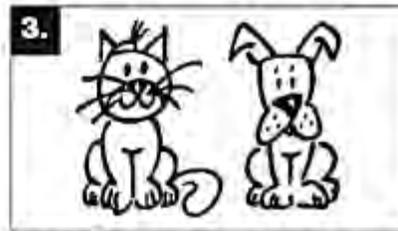
**BEFORE**



**1. IDENTIFY** possible places to reunite with family members after the event as part of your emergency plans.



**2. ASSEMBLE** enough food, drinking water, medicines, and other supplies to last at least three days in an emergency kit or backpack that is easy to transport.



**3. IDENTIFY** facilities that care for pets during disasters since pets are not allowed in American Red Cross shelters. (In-service animals excluded).



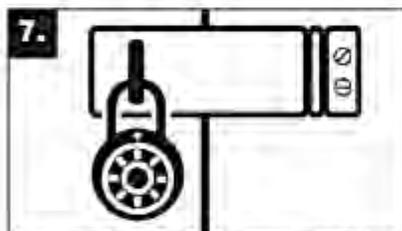
**4. MAKE** plans for children, seniors and others with special needs. **CHECK** with your schools, work place and other sites about their evacuation plans.



**5. LISTEN** to the radio or watch TV for information from local officials. **FOLLOW** their instructions. **REMAIN** calm. **USE** the phone **ONLY** to report life-threatening emergencies.



**6. RETRIEVE** emergency supplies and evacuation kits if possible. Be sure to include medications.



**7. SECURE** the building if possible. **TURN OFF** utilities only if instructed to do so by local officials.



**8. LEAVE** a note indicating your destination if possible.



**9. REPORT** to the evacuation site, using recommended routes given by local officials.

**AFTER**



**10. LISTEN** for further instructions from local officials.



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[www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org)

# Promoting Preparedness in Riverside

Riverside Fire CERT Volunteers are one of the Fire Department Office of Emergency Management's best resources. CERT Volunteers help us throughout the year in many ways. They encourage others to be Riverside Ready by organizing disaster preparedness activities in their neighborhoods and work places. CERT Volunteers help us staff Emergency Preparedness Booths at Community Events and also help us with projects or special assignments. **WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!** Your continued support helps to make our program one of the **Best Programs in the State!** **Keep up the great work CERT!**

*Gina Perez, CERT Program Manager  
Riverside Fire Department  
Office of Emergency Management*



**Goeske Cntr Senior Conference** May 22, Margo Miley



**Goeske Center Senior Conference** May 22,  
Kay Diehl, Joe Hamlin, Gina Perez, Margo Miley



**Elks Lodge Youth Festival - June 7**  
Left to Right: FF/PM Hector Calvillo, Capt. Joe Rosales,  
CERT Vols; Joe Hamlin, Ivan Cruz, Deb Gonzalez, Eng Eric Peniata,  
Capt. Michael Estrada, FF Paul Young



**Riverside Business Expo**— June 19  
Kelly Taylor, Gina Perez, Margo Miley



**Elks Lodge Youth Festival - June 7**  
Kay Diehl, Debbie Gonzalez, Joe Hamlin,  
Rudy Moreno, Gina Perez,



**Riverside City Employee National Safety Fair** City Hall - June 19 EMS  
City Empl. CERT Kaye Powley and CERT Program Mngr. Gina Perez  
FF Joshua Tronas and FF/ PM Steve Wu,  
EMS Coord. Kristen Clements, BC Mike Staley,

# CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 53 - MAY 2014



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Omar Acosta, Brandy Alexander, Kasey Alexander, Darlene Castruita, Ana Garcia, John Goatcher, Bette Hicks, Ray Hicks, Heather Kelley, Seung Lee, Jeremy Massie, Kimber Porter, Jared Simoneau, Karolyn Verville, Talia Wesley  
 PAST CERT MEMBER "VICTIMS": Kelly Taylor, Mario Rivera Jr., Ray Gayton-Jacob, Frank Cedeno  
 CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Manager Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manger Gina Perez

## Riverside Airport Airshow - Promoting Readiness

On April 5, 2014 over 80,000 people attended the 22nd Annual Riverside Airshow at the Riverside Municipal Airport. Riverside City Fire CERT Volunteers encouraged attendees to become Riverside Ready by putting together emergency supply kits. CERT Volunteers distributed emergency preparedness information and demonstrated how to shut off utilities in an emergency. Riverside County RACES & RCARA joined us and explained how Amateur Radios are available to respond and assist in an emergency.

Thanks Again CERT!!



Riverside City Fire Chief Mike Esparza & CERT Volunteers  
 Edwin Parra – Larry Burn – Leonard Ortega – Sjana Bauer – Angelina Robles – Joe Hamlin



RACES & RCARA Ham Radio Groups shared our booth space to explain Amateur Radio in Emergencies



Margo Miley explains Utility Shut off in Emergencies

# CERT Adv. Training– Triage & Disaster First Aid

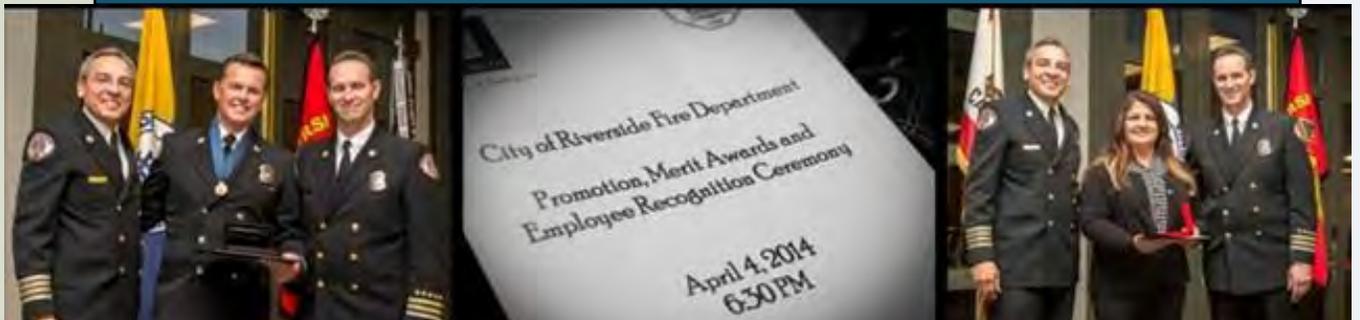
On WED. APRIL 16, 2014 - FIRE CAPT. JOHN PEURIFOY AND COMMUNITY PREP COORDINATOR GINA PEREZ provided refresher training on TRIAGE with the 30-2-Can't Do method. CERT Members also practiced Disaster First aid Skills and Head to Toe Assessments.



THANKS to Engineer ERIC WILMER, Firefighter Paramedic DAVID NELSON and Firefighter ROBERT HERRICK for providing guidance to CERT Members during the outdoor disaster exercise. And a Special THANK YOU! To RIVERSIDE FIRE EXPLORER POST 101 for helping out by being "Victims" to be triaged and transported and treated, they always do such a great job!



## CONGRATULATIONS - MERIT AWARDS



On April 4, The Riverside Fire Dept. held it's 2014 Employee Promotion, Merit & Recognition Ceremony, **CERT INSTRUCTOR FIREFIGHTER WAYNE HESS** received a Distinguished Service Medal & 25 Year Service Award and **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS/ CERT PROGRAM COORDINATOR GINA PEREZ** received an Award of Merit for her work in Community Preparedness & the CERT Training Program. **GREAT JOB WAYNE AND GINA!**



On April 22, The City of Riverside held it's Annual **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony**, Fire Department **Chaplains Steve Ballinger and Tony Braun**, retired Fire Captains were recognized for their service to uphold the department's mission by providing emotional and spiritual support to survivors of fire and rescue emergencies. and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Riverside. **Congratulations !**

Mayor Rusty Bailey, Tony Braun, Steve Ballinger, Chief Mike Esparza

## MAY 30, 2014 RIVERSIDE FIRE CERT ACTIVATION - RIVER BOTTOM FIRE ANZA NARROWS PARK

**MAY 30, 2014 - RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE CERT WAS ACTIVATED TO ASSIST** at the RIVER BOTTOM FIRE AT ANZA NARROWS PARK. **CERT VOLUNTEERS FRANK CEDENO AND CALEB PHILLIPS** responded under the direction of CERT Program Manager *Gina Perez* and assisted with distributing water, snacks & meals to the Fire Crews fighting the fire. The Fire was blown by 5-10 mph winds. Firefighters had to navigate thick brush and marshy



CERT Volunteer Caleb Phillips distributes water, snacks & meals to fire crews

water 1 to 4 feet deep. About 120 firefighters fought the blaze. The smoke could be seen for miles. **FRANK AND CALEB**



CERT Volunteer Frank Cedeno distributes meals to Fire crews on scene

**WORKED VERY**

**HARD RESTOCKING THE WATER, SNACKS & DRINKS**

**MAKING SURE EVERYONE STAYED HYDRATED,**

**Thank You Caleb and Frank for your dedication to the CERT Program and your community.**



Lead CERT Instructor Fire Capt. John Peurifoy was on scene at the incident



Emergency Services Manager Tony Coletta & CERT Program Manager Gina Perez on scene at the incident

Riverside Fire Office of Emergency Management

## CERT Adv. Training- Radio Communication in Disasters

On June 18, 2014 our CERT Advanced Training - **RADIO COMMUNICATION IN DISASTERS** was instructed by Riverside Fire Captain Jeff Loveland, Communication Unit Leader and CERT Members/Radio Operators; Ray Gayton-Jacob, Omar Acosta and Rick Schirmer. CERT



Fire Capt. Jeff Loveland

Members received basic information on methods of communication for First Responders and what resources are available for us to receive and transmit information following a major disaster when cell towers may not function and our usual means of communication are compromised. We hope to move

forward on coordinating a Riverside Fire CERT Amateur Radio Group, look for more information on this soon.

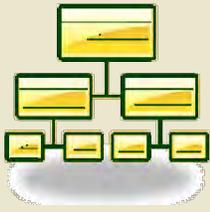


CERT Member Omar Acosta's HAM RADIO equipment is self sustained and can operate off of Solar Power, Amazing!

## CERT Adv. Training– ICS - Team Organization Refresher

### MAY 21, 2014 CERT ADVANCED TRAINING - "INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM & CERT TEAM ORGANIZATION"

Tony Coletta, Emergency Services Manager, and CERT Program Manager Gina Perez provided refresher training on the Incident Command System (ICS) and how CERT members can organize teams when responding in their neighborhoods, workplaces or



schools, after a major disaster or emergency. CERT Members practiced a tabletop exercise that involved prioritizing response to incidents and organizing resources. **Practice helps to**

**reinforce the skills learned and will help you know how to better respond when needed.**



## MAYOR'S NIGHT OUT- May 7, 2014

City Council Members, the City Manager and City staff were available to provide information and answer questions. **Mayor's Night Out** provides an opportunity for the Community to learn about projects and programs in their neighborhood

that will help to make their areas a better place for you and your family to live.

Battalion Chief **Bill Stamper**, Fire Station 7 Crew; **Kenny Lundgren**, **Shannon Smith**, **Thomas Henritze**, **Bryan Russell**, Emergency Services Manager **Tony Coletta** and Community Preparedness Coordinator **Gina Perez** staffed an Info Table, answered questions, gave out Emergency Preparedness & Fire Safety info and Free Smoke Detectors to community members in attendance.





## The Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

### Individuals and Families

**At 10:16 a.m. on October 16, 2014**, 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 10:16 a.m. on 10/16!

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.

Register today at [ShakeOut.org/california](http://ShakeOut.org/california)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are simple things individuals and families can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Instructions and resources can be found at [ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate](http://ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate).

#### Plan Your Drill:

- Register at [ShakeOut.org/california/register](http://ShakeOut.org/california/register) to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from [ShakeOut.org/california/drill/broadcast](http://ShakeOut.org/california/drill/broadcast).
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:16 a.m. on October 16. You can also practice other aspects of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

#### Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Do a “hazard hunt” for items that might fall during Earthquakes and secure them.
- Create a personal or family disaster plan.
- Organize or refresh your emergency supply kits.
- Identify and correct any issues in your home’s structure.
- Other actions are at [www.earthquakecountry.org](http://www.earthquakecountry.org).

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- Have a neighborhood party to discuss preparedness, and register for the ShakeOut.
- Invite friends and family members to register.
- Encourage your community, employer, or other groups you are involved with to participate.
- Share photos and stories of your drill at [Shakeout.org/california/share](http://Shakeout.org/california/share).

## SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

### CERT 20-Hour Basic Course Training

SEPTEMBER 2014

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

Location: Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates:

- Sept. 4 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 9 Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 11 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 16 Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 18 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 23 Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Sept. 25 Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Must attend all dates for FEMA Certificate

NOVEMBER 2014

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
20 Hour Basic Course

Location: Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates:

- November 7, Friday  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- November 8, Saturday  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- November 9, 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](http://www.riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingAdvanced.aspx)

#### • CERT Adv. Training

#### OPERATION LIFESAVER/ RAIL SAFETY

August 20, Wednesday

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Instructor: Ronnie Garcia, Regional Manager

Field Safety - BNSF

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

### CERT Volunteers Needed

♦ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

Riverside Fire Department  
Office of Emergency Management  
4th Annual Ready Riverside  
Emergency Preparedness Fair

Location: 3520 Tyler St. Riverside,  
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  
at (951) 320-8112 or email [gperez@riversideca.gov](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov).

### August 2014

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September is...  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

Riverside Fire Department - Office of Emergency Management.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual **READY RIVERSIDE**

**Emergency Preparedness Fair**



Sat., September 27, 2014

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

3520 Tyler Street, Riverside

Target Store Parking Lot



**PREPAREDNESS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

**GET A KIT - MAKE A PLAN - BE INFORMED - GET INVOLVED**

◆ Learn Your Risks and How Best to Respond ◆

◆ Learn what to do **BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A DISASTER** ◆

◆ Learn How to Build Your Emergency Kit & Family Disaster Plan ◆

◆ Learn Hands-Only™ CPR ◆ ◆ Fire Safety Trailer ◆

◆ See Rescue & K-9 Search Dog Demos ◆



For info contact: Community Preparedness Coordinator Gina Perez at [gperez@riversideca.gov](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov)  
[www.readyriverside.com](http://www.readyriverside.com) [www.facebook.com/CityOfRiversideCert](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfRiversideCert)

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information.

