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Riverside Stresses Earthquake Safety

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Riverside Fire Department – Office of Emergency Management is reminding everyone to be earthquake ready following a series of small/moderate earthquakes near Brawley, Imperial County.

Before An Earthquake:

1. Make a family emergency plan
2. Build an emergency kit
3. Secure furniture and top heavy objects
4. Locate safe spots in each room
5. Practice earthquake drills with your family

During An Earthquake:

1. Drop, cover and hold on tight
2. Stay away from glass, windows, and overhead objects
3. If outdoors move away from buildings and overhead hazards
4. If driving, stop, stay in vehicle and avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires

After An Earthquake:

1. Expect aftershocks or additional earthquakes
2. Check people around you for injuries
3. Use the telephone for emergency calls only
4. Inspect utilities for leaks or damage
5. Stay off roadways and do not drive unless necessary

Earthquakes can happen anytime, anyplace and often without warning. The Fire Department would like to remind everyone at this time of the importance of preparing for all types of emergencies. Taking steps now will go a long way to returning our community to normalcy following an emergency.

Additional information on emergency preparedness may be found on the city's emergency preparedness website at: <http://www.readyriverside.com>.

About the City of Riverside: The City of Riverside, located in the Inland Southern California region, currently ranks as the 12th largest city in California, 6th in Southern California, and is the largest city in one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. Riverside's excellence in high technology, workforce development, digital inclusion, arts, innovation, collaboration and social capital resulted in the City being named the 2012 Most Intelligent Community in the *World!* As an economically vibrant and culturally diverse city, Riverside boasts high-end retail centers, a rapidly growing office population, and a charming historic downtown fused with upscale dining, shopping and entertainment venues. It is home to four internationally recognized universities and colleges which support a growing student population of more than 50,000. As an important financial and professional center, Riverside offers the support of numerous legal, accounting, brokerage, architectural, engineering, and technology firms as well as banking institutions. Businesses in the city benefit from city-owned electrical and water systems, high-speed fiber optic telecommunications, exceptional freeway system, BNSF and UPSP rail access, and a large corporate jet and general aviation airport.

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