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# CITY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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## POISON MISHAPS - WHAT CAN YOU DO?



What should you do if you think someone's been poisoned? **CALL 1-800-222-1222** right away! The poison center experts will tell you exactly what to do.

**How does it work?** When you call **1-800-222-1222**, you are automatically connected to the Poison Center that serves your area. Your call is routed based on the area code and exchange of the phone you call from - or for cell phones, sometimes based on your location.

**If you call 1-800-222-1222 from a cell phone**, you will reach Poison Control. Depending on your cell phone carrier, you might reach the Poison Center that serves your phone's area code and exchange or the Poison Center that serves your phone's current location. Either Poison Center can help you. If you need

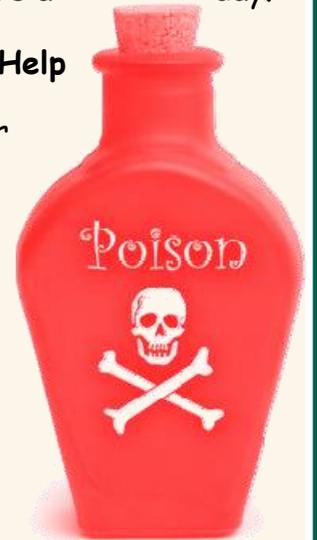
local assistance, the Poison Center you reach will coordinate with the other Center to help you get the care and information you need.

### What if I prefer to get help online?

If you swallowed a poison and don't have any symptoms, you can use the [webPOISONCONTROL](http://www.PoisonControl.org)® tool to get treatment recommendations. You can log on to [webPOISONCONTROL](http://www.PoisonControl.org) or download the app on the [App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store) or [Google play](https://www.google.com/play) for triage advice 24 hours a day.

### Calling Poison Help

Do not wait for signs of poisoning before calling Poison Help. **Not all medicines and household products are poisonous.**



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Not all contact with poison results in poisoning. When you call, make sure to have the container of the product you think caused the poisoning. The label has important information. If medicine has been swallowed, do not give anything by mouth until you have talked to a Poison Help expert.

Be ready (if you can) to tell the expert on the phone:

- The exposed person's age and weight
- Known health conditions or problems
- The product involved
- How the product contacted the person (for example, by mouth, by inhaling, through the skin, or through the eyes)
- How long ago the poison contacted the person
- What first aid has already been given
- Whether the person has vomited
- Your exact location and how long it would take you to get to a hospital

Who will answer the phone when I call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222?

**An expert answers the phone at a local poison center.** You will reach a pharmacist, nurse, doctor, or other poison expert. All of them have had special training to handle poison emergencies. Also, the person who answers will be an expert who specializes in the issues of your community. These experts are trusted by local doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and emergency workers. They offer the best information on poison-related questions and treatments.

### FIRST AID TIPS

1. Has the person collapsed or stopped breathing? Call **911- (or send someone to do that)**. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest.
2. Swallowed the wrong medicine or too much medicine? Call **1-800-222-1222**.
3. Inhaled poison? Get to fresh air right away. Call **1-800-222-1222**.
4. Poison on the skin? Take off any clothing that the poison touched. Rinse skin with running water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call **1-800-222-1222**.
5. Poison in the eyes? Rinse eyes with running water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call **1-800-222-1222**.

### Keep Up-to-Date on the Latest Poison News

The AAPCC (American Association of Poison Control Centers) works with America's 55 poison centers to track poisonings and their sources, including household products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings.

Source/visit: <http://www.aapcc.org/>  
For the Latest Alerts!





**2016 RIVERSIDE AIRPORT AIRSHOW**

On APRIL 2, RIVERSIDE AIRSHOW, CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH CERT VOLUNTEERS participated in the 24th Annual Riverside Airshow. CERT Volunteers encouraged attendees to become Riverside Ready by putting together emergency supply kits. CERT Volunteers also registered lots of people for the April CERT Basic Course. Riverside County Amateur Radio joined us and displayed radio equipment and explained how important communication will be following a disaster. **Thank you**



**CERT Volunteers;** OMAR ACOSTA, MARK DEL MAR, TAMMY DICKEY-MCBIRNIE, JOHN DOUCET, CATHERINE HENDON, MATT FULLER, RAY GAYTON-JACOB, JOE HAMLIN, MARGO MILEY, MARLENE ODEBRALSKI, RICHARD OLQUIN, AL PALACIO, FRANCES PALACIO, KAYE POWLEY, ANGELINA ROBLES, CATHY SAINZ, NEIL & ROBIN VON KOEHE, AYSIA WEBB, ALONG WITH CERT PROG. MANAGER GINA PEREZ.

**PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, SAY SOMETHING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.** BECAUSE ONLY YOU KNOW WHAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN YOUR EVERY DAY. WE ALL PLAY A ROLE IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE.

Every day brings surprises. A flat tire. Mid-day traffic. There's always something unexpected and that's fine. **IT'S WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE A MOMENT OF UNCERTAINTY.** Something you know shouldn't be there. Or someone's behavior that doesn't seem quite right. These are the moments to take a pause. BECAUSE IF SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT, IT'S PROBABLY NOT. It's not about paranoia. Or being afraid. It's about standing up and protecting our communities. One detail at a time. **BECAUSE A LOT OF LITTLE DETAILS CAN BECOME A**

**PATTERN. SO TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!**



# Promoting Preparedness in Riverside

**MAY 7, 2016 CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT & CERT - VILLEGAS PARK CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA-HEALTH FAIR.** CERT Volunteers: **LARRY HERNANDEZ, MARGO MILEY, VINCE ROSSE, MARK DEL MAR, STACY FRINGER, ALONG WITH CERT PROGRAM MANAGER GINA PEREZ,** staffed an Emergency Preparedness/ CERT information booth, The day began with a parade, and continued with a Fiesta and Health Fair at Villegas Park. Chief Moore



assisted in presenting awards to groups involved in the event, The Health Fair had free health screenings, face painting for



Stacy, Gina, Chief Moore, Mark



kids, delicious food and information on how to live a healthier, happier life, great community event!



**MAY 12, 2016 - CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE CERT VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN THE 13th 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: **MARGO MILEY, CLAUDIA KWIECIEN, VINCE ROSSE, KAY DIEHL, ANGELINA ROBLES** who assisted - **GINA PEREZ, COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR**

**GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT!**



Margo, Gina, Claudia, Kay

## Training Riverside on Emergency Preparedness

ON June 27, RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT - participated in a SAFETY TRAINING DAY for Employees of the RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER.

Community Preparedness Coordinator **Gina Perez** spoke on the importance of being prepared for Emergencies or Disasters that could happen while at work, home or while traveling.



Gina Perez

CERT Volunteers, **Maria Egbert, Claudia Kwiecien, David Bell, Vince Rosse** helped to distribute information on CERT Training. RPD Sgt. Elliot spoke on RUN HIDE FIGHT; options we have during an active shooter incident and stressed that if **YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING**; by reporting suspicious activity to authorities. Other safety



Maria, Claudia, David, Vince

topics were presented. Glad to see the Riverside Convention Center is helping it's Employees be "Disaster Ready!"

**RIVERSIDE BUSINESS EXPO & MIXER**

RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER  
3637 5th St, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

- Receive a free business assessment by qualified SCORE counselors
- Obtain free resources and information from experts
- Network with over 400 attendees and over 57 exhibitors

GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

**JUNE 16, 2016 - CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR GINA PEREZ & CERT VOLUNTEERS MARGO MILEY & CLAUDIA KWIECIEN**

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**. For info on Emergency Preparedness for Businesses visit **READY BUSINESS** at: <http://www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/readybusiness.asp>



Margo and Claudia



# CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 65— APRIL 2016



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: **Bob Boyd, Lissette Campos, Jill Catlin, Hunter Chidley, Shannon Chidley, Maximilian Chidley, Thomas Dennis, Ashly Dickey, Steve Dodgson, Sharon Dodgson, Helen Fairfax, Ryan Haluch, Lisa Haluch, Cyndi Harper, Ronald Liu, Jaime Marin, Sonny Stewart, Pamela Vasquez, Donald Zarate**

**Thanks to Past CERT Member "VICTIMS":** Chris Acosta, Matt Fuller, Stacy Finger, Alysia Webb, Julie Lindsay,

**Thanks CERT Volunteers -Registration & Tasks:** Anna Hauldren, Larry Hernandez, John Doucet, Debbie Gonzalez

**CERT Instructors:** Fire Capt. John Peurifoy, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Emerg. Serv. Admin Tony Coletta, CERT Program Manager Gina Perez and , K-9 Handler Peter Sellas,



Steve & Sharon Dodgson triage victim Alysia Webb during final drill exercise.



CERT Participants Ronald Liu & Pamela Vasquez use the PASS System to extinguish the fire, Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep.



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

# CERT Adv. Training– Triage & Disaster First Aid



On **APRIL 13, 2016** - **CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE CERT ADVANCED TRAINING- TRIAGE & DISASTER FIRST AID** - FIRE CAPT. JOHN PEURIFOY AND CERT

PROGRAM MANAGER GINA PEREZ provided refresher training on conducting TRIAGE with the 30 - 2- Can't Do method. CERT MEMBER ALYSIA WEBB was the Incident Commander/ Team Leader for the outdoor hands on exercise. CERT Members practiced Triage, Rescue and Disaster First aid Skills along with Head to Toe Assessments. 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!

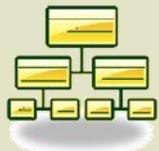


Riverside City Fire Explorer Post #101



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

On May 11, 2016 our **CERT Advanced Training -TEAM ORGANIZATION & INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM**. Fire Capt. John Peurifoy & 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, schools, or while traveling after a major disaster or emergency.

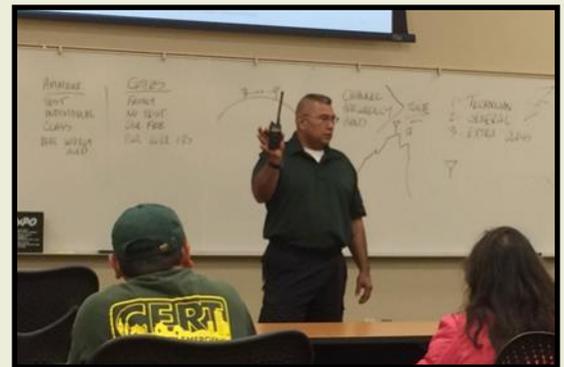
CERT Members practiced a tabletop exercise that involved prioritizing response to incidents and organizing resources. It's important for CERT Members to practice skills learned so that they can be ready to take appropriate actions that help them stay safe!



## CERT Adv. Training - Radio Communication in Disasters



On June 15 , 2016 our **CERT Advanced Training -RADIO COMMUNICATION IN DISASTERS** CERT RIVERSIDE EMERGENCY GROUP RADIO TEAM MEMBERS Rick Schirmer, Ray Gayton-Jacob, and Dave Sparks instructed our class and explained basic information various forms of communication that can be used in an emergency following a major disaster when cell towers may not function and our usual means of communication are compromised. Topics included Role of CERT Radio Communications, types of Radios; FRS/ GMRS/ AMATEUR & capabilities. The class ended with an Exercise that allowed CERT Members to practice relaying information via CERT Radios so they will be familiar with Radio Procedures.





# Thank You CERT!

## FEMA K-9 Search Evaluation April 16 & 17, 2016

CERT VOLUNTEERS; SANTIAGO ARTEAGA, DAVID BELL, CAROL CROUCH, GREG CROUCH, MARK DEL MAR, JOHN DOUCET, MATT FULLER, DEBBIE GONZALEZ, ANNA HAULDREN, KAREN MCCOY, KAYE POWLEY, ANDREA PRICE, SHANI PYNN, VINCE ROSSE, KIM SABATELLO, AYSIA WEBB

On APRIL 16 & 17 - CERT Volunteers assisted at the FEMA K-9 Search Evaluation held at a recycling mine in Mira Loma. 19 Teams of Handlers and their dogs came from task forces across the United States to be tested for FEMA Certification. They searched rubble piles that contained up to 4 buried live "victims" along with clothing and food distractions. Evaluators assessed the team's capability to find live victims in distress. CERT Volunteers assisted with various tasks including front gate sign check in and statistics.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!**



Karen, Greg, John, Deb, Shani, Santiago



## CONGRATULATIONS - AWARDS



Chief Moore, Gina and Mayor Pro Tem Soubirious

On May 24, The Riverside Fire Dept. held it's Employee Service Awards Ceremony, **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS/ CERT PROGRAM COORDINATOR GINA PEREZ** received the **2015 NON- SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD** for her work in Community Preparedness & the CERT Training Program.



On March 31, **Emergency Services Administrator Tony Coletta** was honored by the American Legion Post #289 for Public Safety Officer of the year for his work in preparing the City's EOC for activation in a major disaster or emergency. On April 29, we said Farewell to Tony as he accepted a job with an outside agency. Tony worked hard to create a positive working partnership for coordinating response through the activation of our EOC.  
**Good Luck Tony We Will Miss You!**



### Congratulations! Riverside CERT Emergency Communications Group City of Riverside Fire Department's Volunteers of the Year!

On APRIL 12, 2016 the City of Riverside VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY was held AND THE RIVERSIDE CERT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION GROUP WAS SELECTED AS THE 2015 FIRE DEPARTMENT



Mayor Baily, David, Dave, Ray, Rick, Paul, Chief Moore ( Omar -not pictured)

**VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!** The Group members are CERT Volunteers; Omar Acosta, David



Bell, Paul Braiman, Ray Gayton-Jacob, Rick Schirmer and Dave Sparks under the direction of CERT Prog. Mngr Gina Perez. The Team was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Fire Chief Moore for their contributions to the Fire Department in the area of Emergency Communications. The Volunteers were also introduced at the start of the City Council

Meeting later that day.

**Congratulations & Thank You for your community service.**



## The Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

### Individuals and Families

**At 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2016**, 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 10:20 a.m. on 10/20!

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 10:15 a.m. on October 15. 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).

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**SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES**

**CERT 20-Hour Basic Course Training  
AUGUST 2016**

**Location:** Riverside Fire EOC Training Center  
**Dates:** ♦ AUG. 5, Fri. - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
♦ AUG. 6, Sat. - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
♦ AUG. 7, Sun - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Must attend all dates for FEMA Certificate & CERT BACKPACK with Gear**

**Online Registration at:**  
<http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx>  
**Course fee \$15.00.**

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Riverside City Employees Only  
20 Hour Basic Course**

**Location:** Riverside Fire EOC Training Center  
**Dates:** Sept. 1 Thurs. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
♦ Sept. 6 Tues. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
♦ Sept. 8 Thurs. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
♦ Sept. 13 Tues. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
♦ Sept. 15 Thurs 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
♦ Sept. 20 Tues. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
♦ Sept. 22 Thurs. 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Must attend all dates for FEMA Certificate & CERT BACKPACK with Gear**

**CERT ADVANCED TRAINING  
RIVERSIDE CERT Members Only**

**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**

**WATER SAFETY AWARENESS**

**SAT. JULY 23, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Instruct:** FF Wayne Hess & EOC Staff  
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

**CERT Adv. Training**

**UTILITY SAFETY OPERATIONS**

**WED. AUGUST 17, 6:00 Pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Instructor:** TO BE ANNOUNCED  
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
KICK OFF EVENT**

**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**RIVERWALK HOA COMMUNITY**  
Collett Ave & Riverwalk Parkway  
**\*ALL SHIFTS FULL**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
KICK OFF EVENT**

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
3333 ARLINGTON AVE, Riverside  
TARGET STORE PARKING LOT  
**\*ALL SHIFTS FULL**

To Volunteer for events Contact :  
Gina Perez at (951) 320-8112  
[gperez@riversideca.gov](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov).

*July 2016*

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**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](mailto:gperez@riversideca.gov))  
and update your contact information.