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RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Be Ready Riverside for a Power Outage

Most power outages only last for a few hours but if an unexpected long term power outage occurs and we have not prepared or are not ready this can be very frustrating. There are some things we can do to stay safe and comfortable as possible during a sudden loss of power.

KEEP FOOD & WATER SAFE AS POSSIBLE



When power goes out, water purification systems may not be functioning fully. Use bottled, boiled, or treated water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene.

POWER OUTAGE TIPS

- ◆ Put together an emergency preparedness kit in advance in case of a prolonged or widespread power outage.
- ◆ Never use candles due to extreme risk of fire use flashlights only for emergency lighting.
- ◆ Monitor a radio for critical weather and emergency information during a disaster.
- ◆ Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the power went out. Leave one light on so that you will know when your power returns.
- ◆ Pouring a pail of water from the tub directly into the bowl can flush a toilet.
- ◆ Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings (remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored.)
- ◆ During an outage, do not open the refrigerator or freezer door unnecessarily. Food can stay cold in a full refrigerator for up to 24 hours and in a well-packed freezer for 48 hours (24 hours if it is half-packed).
- ◆ Use perishable food from the refrigerator first. Then use food from the freezer and use your non-perishable foods and staples last.



If it looks like the power outage will continue more than a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items. Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times.

Be Ready Riverside for a Power Outage...continued

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- ◆ To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, use generators, pressure washers, grills, and similar items outdoors away from windows and doors. Carbon Monoxide fumes are odorless and can quickly accumulate indoors.
 - ◆ Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator directly into household wiring, a practice known as "back feeding." This is extremely dangerous and presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. It also bypasses some of the built-in household circuit protection devices.
- electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be live.
- ◆ Never attempt to touch or move downed lines, and keep children and pets away from them. Do not touch anything power lines are touching, such as tree branches or fences. Always assume a downed line is a live line.
 - ◆ Traffic lights will be out and roads will be congested. If driving and traffic lights are out, treat every intersection as a four-way stop.



STAYING SAFE

- ◆ Don't get overheated. If the power goes out when it is hot outside, take steps to stay cool: put on light-weight, light-colored clothing; drink lots of water, even if you don't feel thirsty; remember to give your pets and/or service animal fresh, cool water; and if you need it, see if your community has "cooling centers" or shelters open.
 - ◆ In cold weather, wear layers of clothing, which help to keep in body heat. Cold Hypothermia happens when a person's core body temperature is lower than 35°C (95°F).
 - ◆ Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage. Downed or hanging
- Do not call 9-1-1 to report your power outage or to ask for information, use 9-1-1 only for emergencies. Contact your utility company to report the outage and get restoration information
- Check in on friends, family, and neighbors, particularly those most susceptible to extreme temperatures and power outages such as seniors and those with access and functional needs.
- For more information on emergency preparedness go to www.readyriverside.com

CERT- HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

Incident Activation- Firefighter Rehab



CERT Bill Barnard



CERT Ingrid LeMasters



CERT Members assisted with tasks at Fire Incident

In October, Riverside Fire CERT was activated to assist the EOC in setting up a rehab table with water, snacks & meals for City of Riverside Fire Crew at the scene of an incident
CERT Volunteer Ingrid LeMasters & Bill Barnard assisted Gina Perez, CERT Program Manager with duties as assigned.



Special Projects & Work Details



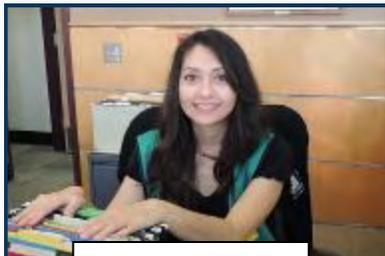
Margo Miley, Greg Crouch, Yani Zayres, Angelina Robles, Richard Bonilla



Santiago Arteaga, Larry Hernandez, D. Yanire Zayres



Joe Hamlin



Anna Hauldren



Travis Bradshaw, Tyler Bradshaw



D. Yanire Zayres



Marlene Odebralski



Lecia Elzia



Ingrid LeMasters

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE OES & RIVERSIDE CITY FIRE OEM
CONGRATULATIONS
CERT AFN - CLASS # 49 - AUG. 2013**



On Aug 2-4, Riverside City Fire – OEM and Riverside County Fire - OES joined together to present a CERT 20 hour Basic Course with priority given to People with Disabilities held at the Riverside City Fire Training Center. The class was a great partnership between agencies to help the community be ready for emergencies/ disasters.



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Sandy Baldwin, Charles Henninger, Ben Jauregui, Debra Lertola, John March, Charles Rock, Sandy Rock, Iliri Rouson, Susan Rouson, Debby Short,
PAST CERT "VICTIMS": Kay Diehl, John Doucet, Kelly Taylor, Paul Van Doren, Mary Van Doren, Virginia Werly

CERT Adv. Training– “Active Shooter” Run - Hide - Fight

Our Instructor at the CERT Adv. Training “Active Shooter - Run, Hide, Fight” were Riverside Police Detective Jim Lopez and Sergeant Steve Bradshaw.

They explained how we can help prevent crimes by reporting suspicious people and activity. We learned about some actions we could take to help us survive an “Active

Shooter” situation. We also watched a video that helped reinforce the message of “trusting your instincts” and taking action to protect yourself and survive.



Our three basic options are: **Run:** Can you safely escape? **Hide:** Is there a good place to hide? **Fight:** Will you take out the shooter?

Great info that will be helpful to us while at work, school or anywhere out in the community. Thanks to everyone that came out we had a full house!



CONGRATULATIONS RIVERSIDE CITY EMPLOYEE CERT CLASS # 50 - SEPTEMBER 2013



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Milton Acevedo, Roman Aguilar, Rholonda Anderson, Cheryl Art, Nancy Bolt, Dave Bride, Roger Fenton, Brian Garcia, Jay Garcia, Christina Guzman, Bobby Harris, Sharon Hedges, Pat Hohl, Daniel Honeyfield, Steve Johal, David Krell, William Mainord, Lorin Marbury, Lilah Martinez, Gerald McAlister, Vanessa Padilla, Michael Plinski, Kaye Powley, Deisy Ruiz, Robert Savant, Vanessa Scott, Brian Seinturier, Marc Smith, Marsha Williams, Kimberly Wyman PAST CERT "VICTIMS": Lenny Cabanlit, Greg Crouch, John Doucet, Lecia Elzig, Misty Finney, Steve Lafond, Veronica Sepulveda



Sharon Hedges & Kaye Powley use PASS System to extinguish the fire



Deisy Ruiz & Rholonda Anderson safely lift using cribbing method to extricate victim safely



CERT Team Leader Roman Aguilar, organizing CERT Team, Michael Plinski, Pat Hohl, Brian Garcia, William Mainord, and Steve Johal, for final drill



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 3RD ANNUAL READY RIVERSIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

On SAT. SEPT 28, we hosted our NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 3rd ANNUAL READY RIVERSIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR at 3520 Tyler Street, Riverside, (Target Store Parking Lot.) We had displays from; Riverside Fire & Police Departments, American Medical Response, Red Cross, CERT, Community Access Center, The Gas Company, Riverside City Public Utilities Department, Double Barrel Environmental Services, Habitat for Humanity Riverside, California Operation

Lifesaver, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Riverside 311 Call Center, Riverside County Public Health Emergency Prep &

Response, and Emergency Amateur Radio Groups. Attendees obtained info on developing a family emergency plan, free smoke detectors, child fingerprinting and

lots more!



Capt. Ray Mendoza (right) and Fire Station 12 Crew



Riverside Fire Explorer Post #101



CERT David Bell staffed Red Cross Booth



CERT Sharon Gutierrez staffed Public Utilities Booth



CERT Irma Ochoa (rt) staffed Police Dept. Booth



Parks & Recreation



CERTS Jim Wiley & Marlene Odebralski at the HAM Radio Booth



American Medical Response- Riverside Division





Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- ◆ Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ◆ Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- ◆ Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- ◆ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

FACTS

- ❗ **Holiday decoration fires** are most likely to happen in the living room, family room or den.
- ❗ **Almost half** of all home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Half** of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

www.nfpa.org/education



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- ◆ Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- ◆ Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
 - ◆ Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
 - ◆ Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- ◆ Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- ◆ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



Source for **THIS SAFETY** Information:
NFPA Public Education Division

CERT Adv. Training– Point of Dispensing Meds - PODS



On Aug. 21, at our CERT Adv. Training we reviewed the functions of a Point of Dispensing Medicine (POD) including job assignments and forms used.

County Public Health Instructors Anne Accurso & Jennifer Smith, CRI Project Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinators explained how CERT Members could be helpful in the event of a large scale health emergency. CERT Members participated in an Exercise with role playing of POD assignments and as "Patients". Thanks to all who attended.



CERT Adv. Training– Weather Spotter Training



On September 18 at our CERT Advanced Training we had Alex Tardy, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist Manager from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) San Diego as our Instructor.

Alex explained that Weather Spotters can play a vital role in providing important information by observing storms and making reports to the National Weather Service. This information helps Meteorologists issue local forecasts and severe weather warnings or the potential for dangerous conditions to emergency responders and communities affected. Alex explained some basic terminology and about the physical structure of severe storms and weather related events. As CERT Members you know that we must prepare for

extreme weather conditions as we do for earthquakes and other emergencies. Great turnout, full class, thanks to everyone who attended.



For more information visit: www.weather.gov/sandiego and www.facebook.com/RivCoSkywarn

SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

JANUARY 2014

CERT 20-Hour

Basic Course Training

Extended Dates:

Prepare family, co-workers, and neighbors for disasters with the CERT Basic Course. Register online at: www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/cert/

Location: Riverside Fire Dept. EOC Training Center

3085 Saint Lawrence Street
Riverside, CA 92504

Dates: 2014

- ♦ Jan 14, Tues. Jan 16, Thurs. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- ♦ Jan 21, Tues. Jan 23, Thurs. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- ♦ Jan 25, Sat. -8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Must attend all dates to receive the FEMA certificate.
Course registration fee :\$15.00.

MARCH 2014

CERT 20-Hour

Basic Course Training

Register online at:

www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/cert/

Location: Riverside Fire Dept. EOC Training Center

3085 Saint Lawrence Street
Riverside, CA 92504

Dates:

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

Must attend all dates to receive the FEMA certificate.
Course registration fee :\$15.00.
gperez@riversideca.gov.

CERT Volunteers Needed TO ASSIST AT THE

FEMA CA-TF6 K-9 Search Evaluation Exercise

Sat. Feb 8 & Sun Feb 9

SHIFTS AVAILABLE

- #1 - 7:00am - 11:30am
- #2 - 11:30 - 5:00pm

Help with Check -In Registration- Setting up Equipment - Distributing water and where needed

(must provide your own transportation- Riverside County area outside of City limits Contact: Gina Perez at

gperez@riversideca.gov with shift requested.

CERT Advanced Training CERT Members Only

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

• CERT Members Final Exercise Refresher or help out as a "victim"

CERT Basic Course Training

Jan 25, Saturday

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Riverside Fire Dept. EOC Training Center

• Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Fees \$10. AHA CARD

DATE TBA, Saturday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Riverside City Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
3085 St. Lawrence Street
Riverside, CA 92504

• CERT Adv. Training- Sandbagging Techniques

February 19, Wednesday

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Riverside Fire Department-EOC Training Center

• CERT Members Final Exercise Refresher or help out as a "victim"

CERT Basic Course Training

March 9, Sunday

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Riverside Fire Dept. EOC Training Center

Register online for CERT Adv. Training Classes at:

www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/CERT/

January 2014

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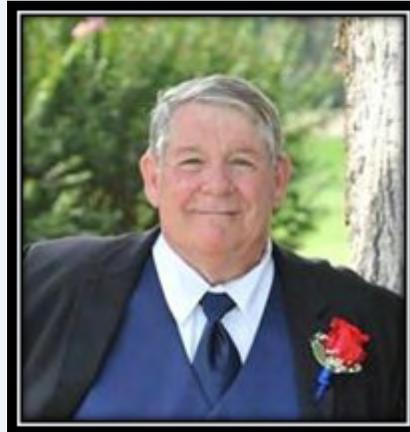
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Riverside Fire CERT Volunteers were honored to be activated to assist at the Memorial Service for City of Riverside Emergency Operations Coordinator Phil McCormick at Acheson & Graham Mortuary on 9/21/2013



Philip Arthur McCormick
1948 – 2013



Thank You
CERT Volunteers
Travis Bradshaw, Greg Crouch, Carol Crouch, John Doucet, Anna Hauldren, Larry Hernandez, Claudia Kwiecien, Margo Miley, Mario Rivera Jr., Kelly Taylor, D. Yanire Zayres

EOC STAFF: **Anthony Coletta, Steve Bradshaw, Gina Perez, Peter Sellas**



CITY OF RIVERSIDE - WHO TO CALL

(Unless otherwise noted, all area codes are 951)

CITY OF RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

City of Riverside
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Management

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riversideca.gov



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www.readyriverside.com
National website:
www.citizencorps.gov

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Emergency 911

WE TIP HOTLINES

- I-800-78-CRIME I-800-782-7463
- I-800-47-ARSON I-800-472-7766
- I-855-86-BULLY I-855-862-8559
- I-800-47-DRUGS I-800-473-7847
- I-800-US-FRAUD I-800-873-7283
- I-800-6-HIT-N-RUN I-800-644-8678
- I-855-4-THE-REZ I-855-484-3739

POLICE/ FIRE Non-Emergency.....354-2007

- FIRE General Information.....826-5321**
- Riverside Sheriff Dept (report line).....776-1099
- Riverside County Jail.....955-4400
- CHP (Business)..... 637-8000
- Police General Information Line.....826-5700**
- POLICE Phone Reports.....826-5314
- RUNAWAYS.....I-800-621-4000
- Narcotics/Gangs Unit.....353-7200
- Alarm Permits..... 826-5600

POISON CONTROL.....I-800-876-4766

GAS LEAKS..... I-800-427-2000

Water/Electricity Emergencies.....687-0791

Non-Emergency City Services.....311

- Alley Light/Electric Outage..... 826-2123
- Animal Services.....358-7387
- CITY CALL CENTER..... 826-5311**
- Parks & Recreation..... 826-2000
- RTA Info/Bus Routes.....682-1234
- Mini Bus/Seniors.....687-8080
- TDD (Hearing Impaired)..... 826-5439
- UCR Police Department..... 827-5222
- 24-Hour Emergency Hotline-Union Pacific
- Railroad Response.....888-877-7267

CODE ENFORCEMENT....826-5633

- Homeless Outreach Team.....826-2200
- Refuse Pick-up Problems.....782-0330
- Street Division..... 351-6127**
(Palm Fronds//Pot Holes, Rat Vector Control)
- Street Lights Out..... 351-6005
- Shopping Cart Pick-up.....I-800-252-4613
- Street Signal Maintenance/
- Street Sign Needs..... 351-6096
- Traffic Engineer Issues.....826-5366
- Utility Customer Service.....782-0330**

Crisis:

- Adult Protective Services..... 800-491-7123
- Child Abuse Hotline..... 800-442-4918
- Domestic Violence 24 hr Crisis...683-0829
- Operation SafeHouse.....351-4418
- Rape Crisis.....686-7273
- Suicide Crisis Intervention.....686-4357
- Youth Crisis..... 800-843-5200

Social Services:

- Office on Aging.....867-3800
- Senior Citizen Information.....351-6142
- Social Service Needs.211 / I-800-464-1123
- Veterans Services..800-481-2101 955-6050

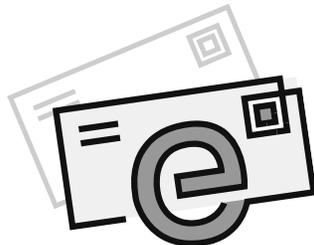
REQUEST NON-EMERGENCY CITY SERVICES ONLINE AT:

<http://crmweb.riversideca.gov/>



IMPORTANT

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



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