

# News Release



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## **First Countywide CERT Functional Exercise Held in Rancho Cucamonga**

**Rancho Cucamonga** - On Saturday, October 4, 2014, nearly 150 volunteers and staff weathered the high temperatures to take part in the first Countywide CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Functional Exercise at Mountain View Park in Rancho Cucamonga. This year's exercise was based on the ShakeOut scenario of a 7.8 earthquake and was sponsored by San Bernardino County Fire/Office of Emergency Services and the San Bernardino County CERT Advisory Committee (CCAC) and hosted by the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

Participants were invited from CERT programs both countywide and throughout Southern California. In addition participants from San Bernardino County Disaster Corps and San Bernardino County Fire Emergency Communications Service (ECS) programs joined in this year's exercise to practice skills they've been trained in. Dozens of moulaged actors were brought in to assist in the realism of the exercise. Exercise play was limited to three areas within the park. All participants were exercised on Operational Coordination, Mass Search and Rescue Operations, Public Health and Medical Services, and Operational Communications. Practicing their skills is what will help all when the next disaster strikes. Watch for future trainings and exercises and get involved.

To get involved in CERT or other disaster volunteer programs contact your city or the San Bernardino County Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services at (909) 356-3998 or visit [www.sbctfire.org](http://www.sbctfire.org).

Courtesy photos are posted at [www.sbctfire.org](http://www.sbctfire.org) under latest news.

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