

# News Release



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## Office of Emergency Services Leads Successful ShakeOut Drill

The Great California ShakeOut has become bigger and better each year that San Bernardino County Fire Office of Emergency Services has participated. On October 17, 2013, at 10:17 a.m. County OES staff and volunteers along with County Fire, county departments, the 24 cities and towns, County Superintendent of Schools Office, and San Bernardino County Museums in Redlands and Apple Valley practiced the scenario of a major earthquake that shook Southern California followed by the possibility of significant structure fires.

This year OES Emergency Services Officer Michael Ramirez spearheaded ShakeOut efforts in San Bernardino County. Over 618,000 San Bernardino County participants registered on ShakeOut.org, with nearly 18,000 of them being county employees. At the time of the ShakeOut drill, 10:17 on 10/17, County OES broadcasted an Emergency Alert System (EAS) test along with ShakeOut messaging on KFRG 95.1.

After all participants completed the initial "DROP, COVER and HOLD ON" drill, OES staff conducted communication tests, including the testing of satellite phones with the Board of Supervisors and County Fire leadership. County departments and City/Town representatives reported their status via WebEOC. ECS (Emergency Communications Services) volunteers conducted HAM radio check-in procedures with ECS divisions, county departments, Cities/Towns, hospitals, schools and other partner agencies. Volunteers from the County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program supported the County Museum event in Redlands by coordinating CERT demonstrations and sharing displays of apparatus.

With the significant threat of a major earthquake looming over the residents of San Bernardino County it has become evident that we need to continue making those around us aware of how to prepare for what lies ahead. Plan to join in the Great California ShakeOut next year on October 16, 2014, at 10:16.

To learn more on how you can be prepared for an earthquake or major disaster, visit our website at [www.sbctfire.org](http://www.sbctfire.org).

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