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San Bernardino County Residents Participate in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill

This Thursday, October 18th at 10:18 a.m., over a half million people in San Bernardino County who have registered and made a commitment will DROP, COVER and HOLD ON in response to a simulated magnitude 7.8 earthquake along the San Andreas Fault. It is expected that over 9 million Californians will participate in schools, businesses, non-profits, governments, neighborhoods, organizations, and households all across the state in the 5th annual Great California ShakeOut, the world's largest earthquake drill.

Organized by the Earthquake Country Alliance, a statewide partnership of federal, state, local, and community organizations, the ShakeOut drill teaches people how to safely DROP, COVER and HOLD ON during an earthquake. San Bernardino County participants will practice how to stay safe during earthquakes and to practice the protective action of "DROP, COVER and HOLD ON." If you are in a building, move no more than a few steps, then DROP to the ground and take COVER under a sturdy table or desk and HOLD ON until the shaking stops. DROP! COVER! and HOLD ON!

The San Bernardino County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services reminds people and organizations to prepare year-round to survive and recover quickly when earthquakes and other emergencies happen.

- **Be Informed:** Learn about potential emergencies which may occur in your local community and the ways to respond to each.
- **Make a Plan:** Learn how to create a Family or Personal Emergency Plan in case you and your loved ones are not together during a disaster or become separated during an emergency event.
- **Build a Kit:** Review information about basic emergency kits and how to personalize them with required medications, an emergency medical contact card, first aid supplies, extra food, water, etc.
- **Get Involved:** Whether at work or at home, learn how you can be a part of a volunteer network before, during and after any disaster event.

For more information about the Great California ShakeOut and to register your participation, visit www.ShakeOut.org/california. Prepare now so you can get back to normal sooner after the next major earthquake.