

Media Alert



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San Bernardino County Has More ShakeOut Participants Than Ever Before!

What: Most Californians know earthquakes happen, but many don't know what to do in an earthquake or how to best protect their families, homes and belongings from earthquake damage. Our partners in the media can help people get ready. There are multiple drills around the County and your assistance publicizing the event will help further the preparedness of residents. This year, San Bernardino County has surpassed the 2009 registration total of 541,373. There's still one day left to register for this year's ShakeOut!

The main event will be at the San Bernardino County Museum as hundreds of school children perform the drill, which will be followed by an earthquake preparedness fair in the museum's courtyard with representatives from emergency agencies. There will be earthquake activities for children, including the "Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety" activity, as well as a public lecture at 11 a.m. on the "Science of the ShakeOut" by Senior Curator Kathleen Springer.

Who: Dr. John Parrish, California State Geologist, California Geological Survey
Neil Derry, 3rd District Supervisor, San Bernardino County
Robert McKernan, Museum Director
Kathleen Springer, Senior Curator of Geological Sciences

When: Thursday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Presentations start at 9:45 a.m. and will be followed by the Shakeout Drill at 10:21 a.m. Museum admission will be free on 10/21 from 9 a.m. to noon to help assure that everyone can participate in this life-saving exercise.

Where: San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA 92374

Contact: Kathleen Springer, (909) 307-2669, ext. 242



In addition, many Government Agencies will be participating in a Drop, Cover and Hold On drill followed by an evacuation drill starting at 10:21 a.m. on Thursday, Oct 21st. Please see below for additional drills throughout San Bernardino County.



Dan Wurl, Fire Chief

San Bernardino County

San Bernardino County Administrative Officer Greg Devereaux is a strong supporter of the Great California ShakeOut and has challenged County Departments to participate to improve their own response in the case of disaster. Members of the media are welcome to attend any of the following drills.

- County Government Center & Annex: 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino
- Fire Department and Special Districts: 157 & 175 5th St., San Bernardino
- Safety Fair to follow the evacuation drill in the Government Center Rotunda

Contact: David Wert, County Public Information Officer, (909) 387-4717

Town of Apple Valley

- Development Services: 14975 Dale Evans Parkway (will have the most people)
- Town Hall: 14955 Dale Evans Parkway
- Animal Services: 22131 Powhatan Rd
- Code Enforcement and Police: 14931 Dale Evans Parkway
- Parks: 13467 Navajo Rd
- Public Works: 22411 Outer Highway 18

Contact:

Sierra Webb, Town of Apple Valley
Public Relations Specialist
(760) 240-7000 X 7072

City of Victorville

Drop, Cover and Hold On Drill in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Fire Department Victorville Division
Victorville City Hall, 14343 Civic Drive

Contact:

City of Victorville Public Information Officer Yvonne Hester, (760) 955-1681

San Bernardino County Fire Dept. Battalion Chief Britt Sipe, (760) 245-5312

Don't forget to tune into KFROG and KAT Country at 10:21 a.m. on 10/21 to listen to great ShakeOut drill and earthquake sound effects!

Just In!!! 100% of San Bernardino County Schools have registered for the Great California ShakeOut! Visit www.ShakeOut.org/COEDATA/ to see their impressive numbers.