



Redondo Beach Community Emergency Response Team Alumni Association RBCERTAA

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday, October 4th – Redondo Beach Safety Fair (see below)

Tuesday, October 6th – RBCERTAA Board Meeting (All CERT Members Welcome to attend and contribute information & comments)

Billy's Deli - 190th & Anza, MEETING AT **6:30PM, Socializing starting at 6PM**

Thursday, October 15th – Southern California Shakeout & RBCERTAA Event

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 20 & 21 – All Hazard Conference (see below)

Tuesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 29 – NIMS Training in Lawndale (see below) (NEW ITEM)

Saturday, October 31st – CERT Class #41 Graduation at Station 2

Wednesday, November 4th – Red Cross 25th Annual Disaster Preparedness Academy (see below)

Saturday, November 7th – CERT Training (2nd of the Semi-Annual Training for 2009) SAVE THE DATE – Day Event at RBF Station 2

Notes from Sandy's Desk: As you can see above there are a lot of events and seminars available. Making the information available to all our RBCERT Alumni is the goal. Therefore in these updates I will leave the information in subsequent updates until time of event. I will move the information down in the update so that the newest information is near the top. Additionally I will indicate **(NEW ITEM)** next to items in "Dates to Remember" that are appearing for the first time in the update.

Many of you have returned our inquiry for current information on you as a member by email or updated your information when one of our volunteers called. If you have not done either please do so by reading below. Please note this update is still going out on our "old" list as we are still in the processing of implementing the new data into the computer system.

Note information below on the Shakeout exercise on October 15th.

Redondo Beach had a "real-time" exercise on Tuesday, September 29th because of Tsunami warning for West Coast. See below for more information.

This is my personal invitation to RBCERT Alumni to attend our monthly board meetings the first Tuesday of the month (see below). Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Board Meetings: The monthly meetings at Billy's Deli are **open to all RB CERT alumni**. We encourage each of you to attend the meetings. **We currently have one opening** on the board for anyone wishing to take a leadership role. However, you do not need to be on the board to attend the meetings. The **RBCERTAA** can be what you make of it!

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Monetary or Equipment Donations For RBCERTAA are tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3) Corporation



picture). The city requested help in distributing notices along the beach area. A limited callout of members was issued with notice that "this is not a drill" and with very short notice RBCERTAA volunteers went into action. There was a specified time for them to clear the area and stage for further instruction. Shown is a picture of the our volunteers staging at Alta Vista. Had the need escalated we were prepared to do a full callout of RBCERTAA. The city acknowledged the value of the CERT program and the RBCERTAA organization. Further information on this will be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday, October 6th. A BIG THANK YOU to the RBCERTAA volunteers that left their families and work to aid the community.

TSUNAMI REAL-TIME EXERCISE:

On Tuesday, September 29th an 8.0 Earthquake hit in the Samoan Island region. Subsequent to this there was an alert for a potential Tsunami on our West Coast. The City of Redondo Beach activated our EOC. RBCERTAA has a desk in the EOC and, as your president, I was staffing the desk (see



NIMS Training Available in Lawndale: Tuesday, October 27th at Lawndale City Hall and Thursday, October 29th at Lawndale Library.
NIMS ICS-100, IS700 & SEMS at 8AM
NIMS ICS-200, IS800 at 1PM
Need to RSVP to dholland@lawndalecity.org

Safety Fair Sunday, October 4th: RBCERTAA will have a booth at the Redondo Beach Safety Fair from 10AM to 3PM. Volunteers are needed to set-up and staff the booth please check-in at the booth.

The Great California Shakeout, October 15th:

See following site for overall information <http://www.shakeout.org/drill> RBCERTAA has a planned exercise for the day and evening. First at 10:15AM please take cover as if a major earthquake had taken place. After you have done the necessary checks in the event of an earthquake, **then read your email for an important request from RBCERTAA to be responded to between 10:15AM and 2:00PM. Also this email will have the location for an exercise that will take place for CERT members between 5PM and 8PM that evening. Please save the date.**

Updating Alumni Information: Thank you to those that have responded to the request for updating your information from the separate email that went out and in the last update bulletin. Some of you have been updated when one of our volunteers reached you by phone. **If you have NOT responded by email or phone please let us know the**

information requested below. We are updating information on RBCERTAA members. The reason for asking for city council district is to see what areas of the city we have member coverage. It the event of a disaster this could be very beneficial.

We would like you to respond by email to RBCERTAA@aol.com with the following information:

- 1) Name
- 2) Email address
- 3) Phone numbers (home, work, cel, which ever numbers you wish to provide)
- 4) Address or nearest cross streets to your home
- 5) CPR expiration date and First Aid Expiration date Or Indicate Need Renewal
- 6) Council District number (see website for districts)
http://www.redondo.org/depts/council/district_maps.asp
- 7) Are you a licensed amateur radio operator?
- 8) Do you hold a current medical license? Type?

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Conferences, October 20th & 21st:

The All Hazards Forum and Expo and the Maritime Security Conference & Expo held at the Long Beach Convention Center, will explore in-depth, the necessary preparation and planning for response, recovery and mitigation from natural disasters and terrorist incidents.

Event #1

The All Hazards Forum: October 20, 2009, 8:30am-5:00pm

**The All Hazards Exhibition: October 20, 2009, 10am-4:00pm and
October 21, 2009, 10am-2:00pm**

Details at <http://www.allhazardsexpo.com>

Developed in cooperation with the International Association of Emergency Managers – Region 9, CESA, BICEPP, other local, state and federal officials and the private sector, the **All Hazards Forum** will address the topical issues prevalent amongst the array of potential natural disasters facing California and the western states. Fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, mudflows, volcanoes and Tsunami's are all very real threats to the region and the **All Hazards Forum** will provide emergency planners and managers the latest information possible to be effective in dealing with these crises.

With the nation's west coast home to many and varied natural disasters, **The 2009 All Hazards Forum & Expo** was developed to serve this region's emergency managers, planners, practitioners, and stakeholders to provide executives in this field the opportunity to learn, network, and develop meaningful partnerships. **The 2009 All Hazards Forum & Expo** will address emergency planning and preparedness, response and recovery, public safety, communications, information sharing and intelligence, critical infrastructure protection, law enforcement, and health and medical readiness.

For the low cost of \$45, click <http://www.allhazardsexpo.com/attreg.html> to register for the **2009 All Hazards Forum & Expo**.

Event #2

The Maritime Security Conference: October 20, 2009, 8:30am-5:00pm and October 21, 2009, 9am-4:00pm

The Maritime Security Exhibition: October 20, 2009, 10:00am-4:00pm and October 21, 2009, 10:00am-2:00pm

Details at <http://www.maritimesecurityexpo.com/index.html>

The Eighth Annual Maritime Security Expo and Conference has been developed in cooperation with the U.S. Maritime Administration and other federal, state and local agencies as well as the private sector. **The Maritime Security Conference & Expo** will bring together hundreds of stakeholders from all over the globe to discuss, debate and articulate the political, regulatory and operational issues surrounding protection of our ports, harbors, terminals, ships and other maritime assets. Details at <http://www.maritimesecurityexpo.com/regtemplate.html> to register for the **Eighth Annual Maritime Security Expo and Conference**

Red Cross of Orange County Disaster Preparedness Academy November 4th:

The Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross is presenting the 25th annual Disaster Preparedness Academy at the Anaheim Convention Center. This event is well-established and highly regarded as a one-of-a-kind preparedness seminar for Southern California and surrounding areas. For more information please see the web site www.oc-redcross.org Note discount if registered by October 9th.