



Redondo Beach Community Emergency Response Team Alumni Association RBCERTAA

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Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, November 3rd – RBCERTAA Board Meeting (All CERT Members Welcome to attend and contribute information & comments)

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

Tuesday, November 3rd - Election Day – Remember to Vote

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

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) Day Event at RBF Station 2 – MUST RSVP (see below)

Saturday, November 14th – Volunteers Needed to Help BCHD (see below)

Notes from Sandy's Desk: I would like to express my thanks to RBCERTAA members that participated in the Shakeout on October 15th either by attending the exercise at Alta Vista Park, responding to the email, or by personally taking time to assess your preparedness for an earthquake. It is this type of awareness that will make a difference.

Couple of important items coming up quickly -- **the graduation for CERT Academy 41 and our Semi-Annual Training. Please 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. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

November 7 SEMI ANNUAL TRAINING:

On Saturday, November 7th the second semi annual training for 2009 will be given by RBF. If you graduated from a CERT class prior to 2009 and want to keep your standing with RBCERTAA active you need to attend one of the semi-annual trainings. Training was offered earlier this year in April and now in November. If you wish you can attend both trainings each year. Additionally graduates from 2009 are encouraged to

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attend as well. Several topics will be part of the training including AED. The training will be at 10AM to 3PM at RBCFD Station 2 on Grant & McKay. Lunch will be provided. **You must RSVP preferable by email to melissa.depaoli@redondo.org or by phone to (310) 318-0663 ext. 4336 by Monday, November 2nd or sooner please.**

Shakeout Exercise:

On Thursday, October 15th RBCERTAA participated in the California Shakeout. Shortly after the 10:15 simulated shake RBCERTAA President Sandy Marchese sent out Email to all RBCERTAA members for reply. From the RB EOC replies to the email were received and RBCERTAA volunteers Nancy Nickels and Susanne Rengo compiled a list of simulated problems within each Council District. At 5PM to 8PM RBCERTAA responders (approximately 25) setup a command post at Alta Vista Park. Initially Sandy Marchese was I.C. and then turned over the I.C to Doug Rodriguez, RBCERTAA Vice President. Monty Ruth headed up communication training and after the training sent groups out to



assigned areas to do survey for damage and report back by radio. Doug Rodriguez did a briefing to the RBCFD on information that had been gathered by RBCERTAA and advised the resources of RBCERTAA available. The exercised maintained the important documents of members signing in and log of deployed

volunteers

Prior to the Shakeout Exercise many RBCERTAA volunteer hours went into updating the data base of membership by trying to reach all past graduates of the CERT program by email or phone. Currently we have 305 members with correct phone numbers and email addresses. Each of the members has been classified into city council districts to see if we have members throughout the city in case of emergency.

Recap of the exercise was presented to the Safety Commission and the City Council.

GRADUATION For CERT Academy #41

On Saturday, October 31st at 10 AM CERT Academy #41 will have their disaster drill and graduation. This is an awesome class of very motivated class members. It has been a wonderful experience to see their enthusiasm each week. The class members are to reminded to bring their PPE (Personal Protective Equipment – Goggles, Mask, Gloves...and remember sturdy shoes). The day will start at 10AM at RBCFD Station #2 (Grant & McKay). RBCERTAA please come and support this class. Lunch will be provided. If you have something to add for a dessert please bring it. If you are not a member of the class

please RSVP to SRedondoBeach@aol.com to advise you are attending.

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

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

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!

Volunteers Needed at H1N1 at BCHD: Volunteers are needed to help at Beach Cities Health District for the H1Ni vaccination clinic on November 14th. If you'd like to volunteers please email SRedondoBeach@aol.com as soon as possible. Thanks!