

## Oxnard Employees Join Millions in The Great ShakeOut!

On October 16th at 10:16 a.m. the City of Oxnard joined more than 18.2 million people in the largest earthquake drill ever, spanning 30 states and several countries. Oxnard city employees also participated in an evacuation drill as part of the ShakeOut Exercise.

“With only seconds to react, practicing what you will do in an actual earthquake is an important part of being prepared,” said Susan Dueñas, the City of Oxnard’s Disaster Preparedness Coordinator.

This year, nearly 10 million people in California registered to participate, with more than 152,439 from Ventura County.

### Ready Oxnard Highlights:

- 50 Oxnard CERT graduates from 2014 to be honored by the City Council at the City Council meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Oxnard representatives are working with state and county agencies to develop tsunami evacuation playbooks. Coastal neighborhoods are encouraged to call the Oxnard Disaster Preparedness Coordinator at 385-7717 to participate in the conversation.
- Emergency response partners throughout the county are working on Ebola response procedures. County EMS and Public Health are in direct contact with all Ventura County hospitals to coordinate response needs.
- The Oxnard Disaster Preparedness Division has been awarded a grant to conduct “Listos” disaster preparedness classes. Listos is designed to initiate and strengthen key relationships between the Latino population, community partners, and empowers individuals in building community disaster resiliency.

For more information about any of the above, call Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Susan Dueñas at 385-7717.



## Four CERT Training Sessions Slated for 2015

The Oxnard Fire Department has scheduled four Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training sessions for 2015. CERT training is taught by Oxnard Firefighters and focuses on teaching community members how to be self-sufficient after a disaster.

Skills taught in this series of seven classes include disaster preparedness, fire extinguisher training, disaster first aid and triage, light search and rescue techniques, and disaster psychology. The training culminates in a final drill where participants get to practice all of their skills in a simulation.

### Classes Scheduled for 2015:

- **January 14<sup>th</sup> – February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Wednesdays 6 pm – 9 pm  
(Two separate sessions will be held, one in English and one in Spanish)
- **April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Wednesdays 9 am – 12 noon
- **September 16<sup>th</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Wednesdays 6 pm – 9 pm

For more information or to register, call the Oxnard Fire Department at 385-7722.