

Over 1000 Community Members Attend First Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair

At least 1000 residents enjoyed the first annual Fire Prevention and Disaster Preparedness Training Academy and Fair on Saturday, October 3rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fire Station 8. The event included four training classes that were standing room only! Attendees earned certificates in Introduction to First Aid, Search and Rescue, Fire Safety and Suppression, and Building an Emergency Kit.

Fair participants had an opportunity to experience an 8.0 magnitude earthquake inside the earthquake simulator trailer, tour the Fire Station, learn about local hazards such as earthquakes, floods and tsunamis, how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform lifting and cribbing for light search and rescue, and much more.

The event was spearheaded by 10 Oxnard volunteers who were all graduates of the Community Emergency Response Team Program. Costs associated with the Fair were covered by a FEMA grant as well as a number of local businesses who sponsored the event including Monsanto, Sams Club, Survivor Industries, Soteria, Sysco, 1-800-Board Up and NOAA.

Ready Oxnard Highlights:

- More than 20 Oxnard residents are set to graduate from the CERT training program on October 10th.
- City Emergency Operations Center Team members participated in a disaster exercise on July 16th to help prepare them for a flood event.
- CERT graduates are invited to become registered as Disaster Service Workers on Thursday, October, 22nd from 6 – 8 p.m. at Fire Administration, 360 W. Second Street.
- More than 20 community members graduated from the *Listos* disaster preparedness training class in September.

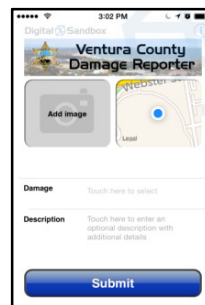
For more information about any of the above, call Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Susan Dueñas at 385-7717.

The Great California Shake Out: October 15th at 10:15 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m. on October 15th, millions of Californians and thousands of Oxnard residents will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great California ShakeOut, the state’s largest earthquake drill ever!

This year, more than 7.6 million people in California plan to participate. In Oxnard, City staff will duck, cover and hold on and then practice evacuating their buildings. Emergency Operations Center staff will participate in a disaster exercise immediately after that.

Everyone is encouraged to register and participate wherever you are at 10:15 a.m. on 10/15. Register now at www.ShakeOut.org For more information, call the Oxnard Fire Department at 385-7717 or susan.duenas@ci.oxnard.ca.us.



Community Damage Reporter Training

When disaster strikes, one of the biggest challenges is how to quickly assess the extent of damage throughout the community. This is where community members can play an important role. Residents and business owners can quickly and easily feed disaster damage information to us by using a Damage Reporter application on their smart phone or tablet. To be a Damage Reporter, you need an iPhone, iPad, or Android phone or tablet. The next training classes are scheduled for:

October 21st from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. (English)
October 28th from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. (Spanish)

For more information or to register for training, call Susan Dueñas at 385-7717.