

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## Oxnard Ready & Resilient Academy and Fair!

Plans are being made for the first ever Ready & Resilient Academy and Fair to be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The academy will provide a series of workshops that will provide information about a variety of emergency management topics such as the City's Tsunami Evacuation Plan, Earthquake Insurance, FEMA and State Public Assistance, the State's Emergency Management System, CERT, and many others. Participants will also have the opportunity to browse informational and vendor booths.

The Disaster Preparedness Division is working with Oxnard's CERT Council to develop the event. However, if you have an idea for a topic for the Academy, or would like to help out in any way, please feel free to contact Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Susan Dueñas at 385-7717 or [susan.duenas@ci.oxnard.ca.us](mailto:susan.duenas@ci.oxnard.ca.us).

## Ready Oxnard Highlights:

- Nearly 60 Oxnard residents graduated from the CERT training program on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Way to go!!
- City representatives to participate in table top exercise organized by United Water Conservation District.
- Inter Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) to partner with the Disaster Preparedness Division to develop strategy for increasing neighborhood resiliency.
- The City's Disaster Preparedness Division recently received a grant to implement enhancements to the City's Emergency Operations Center.
- City representatives to participate in table top exercise with the Oxnard Airport.

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

## Emergency Operations Center Leaders Set Objectives for 2015

Oxnard's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) leaders were asked to identify two or three objectives for the year to enhance emergency response capabilities within the EOC. Following are some of the objectives that have been set for 2015:

- Review and improve EOC staff notification system.
- Review and evaluate potential emergency legislation that could improve recovery capabilities.
- Identify and improve communication gaps among field personnel and the EOC.
- Improve situational awareness capabilities in the EOC using existing resources.
- Conduct EOC activation drills.
- Establish procedure for setting up an emergency "fund" to capture and track response costs during a disaster.

For more information about any of these objectives, contact Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Susan Dueñas at 385-7717.

## Upcoming CERT Classes

Skills taught in the Community Emergency Response Team training series includes disaster preparedness, fire extinguisher training, disaster first aid and triage, light search and rescue techniques, and disaster psychology. The six-week training program culminates in a final drill where participants get to practice all of their skills in a simulation.

### Upcoming Classes:

- **April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Wednesdays 9 am – 12 noon
- **August 27<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Thursdays 6 pm – 9 pm

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