BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ~ C.E.R.T ~


Dear CERT volunteers, as we prepared to observe Memorial Day with a more relaxed CDC guidelines plan with family and friends in a healthy and safe way, if you leave your home and you are not yet vaccinated, please wear a mask and avoid large indoor gatherings. Also take a moment to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

To stay updated on the latest COVID-19 news, visit beverlyhills.org/coronavirus or call the City’s COVID-19 Hotline Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at 310-550-4680.

This week information, as follows:

- Memorial Day Safety Tips
- JUST IN CASE BH Zone 8 walk on June 5 & 6 volunteers needed
- Disaster Preparedness
- CERT Callout Team registrations
- Public Announcement

If you have questions, comments or concerns about the CERT program, please contact us at cert@beverlyhills.org

Neighbors helping neighbors.
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"JUST IN CASE, BH brings Residents, City services together each other before, emergencies through organizational communication."

As a CERT member we encourage you to let everyone know for a better community.

Watch Fire Chief Greg Barton’s message [https://vimeo.com/510836137](https://vimeo.com/510836137)

Sign up by visiting: [http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/justincasebh/web.jsp](http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/justincasebh/web.jsp)

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR JUST IN CASE BH ZONE?** One of the major aspects of JUST IN CASE BH is the division of the City into geographic zones. Each zone is designed to support itself during times of emergency or disaster. Get to know your zone area: [https://gis.beverlyhills.org/VBH/MyJICBHZone_FinderApp/](https://gis.beverlyhills.org/VBH/MyJICBHZone_FinderApp/)

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The Just In Case BH program is offering emergency kits through Beverly Hills CPR. Automated External Defibrillator, AED can be purchased for any home or facility. Stop The Bleed kits are available for purchase, as well CPR books.

ZONE 8 UPDATE:

Greetings Zone 8,

We held a very successful Zoom meeting with residents from Zone 9. Participants in the meeting heard from our Fire Chief, Greg Barton, and Police Chief, Dominick Rivetti. The Chiefs shared information about this new, innovative program and answered questions regarding the history of the program and why it is so important to have as many residents and business owners participate. On April 17th, in advance of the meeting, JUST IN CASE BH committee members and volunteers walked Zone 9 and personally delivered flyers and interacted with Zone 9 residents. We had a wonderful turn out the included members of TEEN CERT and newly assigned Block Captains. We could not have done it without them.

You are receiving this email because you are in Zone 8 (map attached)! As with all future zones, we will walk your Zone to distribute flyers and greet residents on Saturday, 06/05/21 and Sunday 06/06/21. Your Zone 8 Zoom meeting is on 06/16/21. We continue to recruit for various leadership positions including Zone Coordinators, Neighborhood Coordinators, and Block Captains. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or if you would like more information, please send an email to Fire Inspector Alvin Cuna @ JUSTINCASEBH@beverlyhills.org or contact Vera Markowitz @ 310-890-8403. You can also visit our website www.justincasebh.org

Sincerely,

Gregory W. Barton

Fire Chief

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Wildfire Safety

What You Should Know about Wildfire

- Know what to do before, during, and after a wildfire.
- Learn your evacuation routes and plan to evacuate if advised by local authorities.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Check your insurance policies to ensure you have enough coverage.
- Create a communications plan with your family.
- Listen to local officials.

Plan Ahead

- Before a #wildfire place critical documents in a fire safe #WildfireSafety
- Safeguard documents before a wildfire. Learn more at [http://www.community.fema.gov/action/safeguard-documents](http://www.community.fema.gov/action/safeguard-documents) #WildfireSafety
- Store supplies now so you can grab them quickly if you need to evacuate. [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit) #WildfireSafety
- Take time to make a list of the things you would need or want to take with you if you had to leave your home quickly.
- Learn what to do before, during, and after a #Wildfire by visiting [www.ready.gov/wildfires](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires) #WildfireSafety

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• Keep track of fires near your community with: [https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/afm/index.php @smokey_bear #WildfireSafety](https://fsapps.nwcg.gov/afm/index.php @smokey_bear #WildfireSafety)
• Learn about your wildfire risk from your local fire or forestry department #WildfireSafety
• Wildfires give very little warning & spread rapidly! Use this guide to get prepared. [https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/how-to-prepare-for-a-wildfire.pdf #WildfireSafety](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/how-to-prepare-for-a-wildfire.pdf)
• Never too early to start preparing your home & family for a wildfire [www.ready.gov/wildfires #WildfireSafety](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires)
• Wildfires in your area may cause power outages and contaminate your drinking water, even if the fire does not actually reach your home. Have emergency provisions in place before a wildfire strikes!

**Alerts & Warnings**

• Sign up to receive text or e-mail alerts about emergencies like wildfire from your local Office of Emergency Management #WildfireSafety
• Timely information on wildfires can save your life & property. Learn about alerts & warnings: [https://www.fema.gov/integrated-public-alert-warning-system #WildfireSafety](https://www.fema.gov/integrated-public-alert-warning-system)
• @NWS issues a Fire Weather Watch when potentially dangerous fire weather conditions are possible over the next 12 to 72 hours. #WildfireSafety
• @NWS issues a Fire Weather/Red Flag Warning when wildfire conditions occur or are expected to occur within 24 hours #WildfireSafety

**Protect Your Property**

• Prepare for a wildfire by maintaining your lawn and removing combustible debris from around your home #WildfireSafety
• Protect yourself & your property! @NFPA says create 3 zones of defensible space: [http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/The-ember-threat-and-the-home-ignition-zone #WildfireSafety](http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/The-ember-threat-and-the-home-ignition-zone)
• Use fire resistant materials for construction, renovation, & landscaping to protect your property from a wildfire #WildfireSafety
• #WildfireSafety Tip: Don’t use anything (i.e. lawn mowers) that may create sparks outside on dry, windy days #WildfireSafety
• Clear area near your home of leaves, dead vegetation & other combustible debris to reduce sources of fuel #WildfireSafety
• Protect Your Property: Create three zones of defensible space around your home or business. Defensible space should be up to 200 feet from a structure. #WildfireSafety

**Evacuation**

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• Evacuation Tip: Roll up car windows & close air vents b/c smoke from a fire can irritate your eyes & respiratory system #WildfireSafety

• Adults and children with conditions such as asthma might need to evacuate long before the fire reaches your community as smoke can extend far beyond the boundaries of a wildfire. #WildfireSafety


• Be prepared to evacuate if a #wildfire occurs by knowing your family’s evacuation plan. Tip: Plan several escape routes away from your home by car and by foot.

• Late decisions to evacuate can lead to #wildfire fatalities. Pack emergency supplies so you’re ready to GO! https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready_emergency-supply-kit-checklist.pdf #WildfireSafety

• Know and practice your evacuation plan before a #wildfire #WildfireSafety

• When an evacuation notice is issued for a #wildfire, take prompt action to maximize survival chances #WildfireSafety

Communications

• Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, do an Internet search with your town, city, or county name and the word “alerts.” #WildfireSafety

• Set up group text lists so you can communicate with several people at the same time during emergencies. #WildfireSafety

• Make & share your family’s #wildfire emergency plan! Tips: www.ready.gov/wildfires #WildfireSafety

• Talk to your neighbors about #Wildfire Safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together before and after a wildfire. #WildfireSafety

• Talk with your kids about making an emergency plan: https://www.ready.gov/kids/disaster-facts/wildfires #WildfireSafety

• Cellular networks may be congested after a wildfire, but text messages may get through. Teach loved ones how to TEXT #WildfireSafety

After a Wildfire

• If your home was damaged by a #wildfire, don’t re-enter until it is inspected by qualified professionals. Learn more wildfire safety tips at www.ready.gov/wildfires #WildfireSafety

• If you evacuated the area due to a #wildfire, wait for public officials to say it’s safe before returning #WildfireSafety

• After a #wildfire, the ground may contain heat pockets from burning roots that can injure you or spark another fire. #WildfireSafety

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FIRE SAFETY SMOKE ALARM RECALL

Important information regarding Kidde TruSense smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms. Some have been recalled due to risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire. For more information please visit:


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Stay informed at www.bhpl.org

Note: Library is closed for appointments and Sidewalk Pick-up Service Thursday, May 27 through Monday, May 31 for carpet installation.

CERT CALLOUT TEAM
HIDRATION UNIT, RED FLAG PATROL, DOWNED WIRE WATCH

The BHFD-CERT is actively looking for volunteers to join the Callout Team to have an active participation within the training acquired. Please sign up at cert@beverlyhills.org subject line: COT

Follow and Share our BHFD and Just in Case BH Social Media sites:
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Beverly Hills Community Connect Find out more about Los Angeles County Community Connect, brought to you by the Beverly Hills Fire Department. Together, Building a Safer Community Through Prevention, Preparedness & Response.

Respectfully,

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