BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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


Dear CERT volunteers, I want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who had the opportunity to participate during the webinar with LAFD-CERT and also our conversation with Jennifer Garland RN-BC, PhD, CIC Special Pathogens Clinical Program Manager with Cedars-Sinai.

We need to emphasize the CDC guidelines for face coverings still in place for Los Angeles County, practice safety first.

This week information, as follows:

- COVID-19 guidelines
- JUST IN CASE BH Zone 8 walk on June 5 & 6 volunteers needed
- Disaster Preparedness
- CERT Callout Team registrations
- Fire Safety Smoke Alarm Recall
- Public Announcements

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

Neighbors helping neighbors.

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.
The state will be keeping current masking guidance as it is until June 15, and we in LA County will do the same. This means that our guidance remains in alignment with the Health Officer Order of May 3rd.

Our HOO remains in effect across the entire county, and we ask that all businesses, residents, and visitors continue to abide by the required safety modifications. We look forward to continuing low transmission rates that allow for a full reopening in a few weeks.

5/18/2021

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.

Also stay in touch with your medical care provider for the latest information regarding vaccination appointments.
To wear or not to wear?
Out in Public (for everyone)

Wear a mask if you’re...
indoors (unless you’re eating or drinking)

Wear a mask if you’re...
on public transportation (at all times)

Don’t wear a mask if you’re...
outdoors (and can maintain physical distance from others)

Wear a mask if you’re...
at indoor/outdoor crowded events
like concerts, parades, sporting events, fairs, etc.

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JUST IN CASE BH

"JUST IN CASE, BH
Businesses, and all
by seamlessly assisting
during and after
disaster preparedness,
leadership, and
bring Residents,
City services together
each other before,
emergencies through
organizational
communication."

As a CERT member we
participate and also to
about this opportunity
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:

**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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Evacuation

Plan to Evacuate

Many kinds of emergencies can cause you to have to evacuate. In some cases, you may have a day or two to prepare while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning is vital to making sure that you can evacuate quickly and safely no matter what the circumstances.

Before an Evacuation

- Learn the types of disasters that are likely in your community and the local emergency, evacuation and shelter plans for each specific disaster.
- Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- Check with local officials about what shelter spaces are available for this year. Coronavirus may have altered your community’s plans.

Also stay in touch with your medical care provider for the latest information regarding vaccination appointments.
• If you evacuate to a community shelter, follow the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for protecting yourself and your family from possible coronavirus: people over 2-years-old should use a cloth facial covering while at these facilities.
  o Be prepared to take cleaning items with you like masks, soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes or general household cleaning supplies to disinfect surfaces.
  o Maintain at least 6 feet of space between you and people who aren’t in your immediate family.
• Identify several places you could go in an emergency such as a friend’s home in another town or a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so that you have options during an emergency.
• If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets. Most public shelters allow only service animals.
• Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
• Always follow the instructions of local officials and remember that your evacuation route may be on foot depending on the type of disaster.
• Come up with a family/household plan to stay in touch in case you become separated; have a meeting place and update it depending on the circumstance.
• Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation. Prepare a “go-bag” you can carry when you evacuate on foot or public transportation and supplies for traveling longer distances if you have a car.
• If you have a car:
  o Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely. Keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.
  o Make sure you have a portable emergency kit in the car.
• If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if needed. Decide with family, friends or your local emergency management office to see what resources may be available.

During an Evacuation

• Download the FEMA app for a list of open shelters during an active disaster in your local area.
• Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.
• Take your emergency supply kit.
• Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
• Take your pets with you but understand that only service animals may be allowed in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency now.
• If time allows:
  o Call or email the out-of-state contact in your family communications plan. Tell them where you are going.
  o Secure your home by closing and locking doors and windows.

Also stay in touch with your medical care provider for the latest information regarding vaccination appointments.
• Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions and small appliances. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding. If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving.
• Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
• Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that provides some protection such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts and a hat.
• Check with neighbors who may need a ride.
  • Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts, they may be blocked.
  • Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.

After an Evacuation

If you evacuated for the storm, check with local officials both where you’re staying and back home before you travel.

  • If you are returning to disaster-affected areas, after significant events prepare for disruptions to daily activities and remember that returning home before storm debris is cleared is dangerous.
  • Let friends and family know before you leave and when you arrive.
  • Charge devices and consider getting back-up batteries in case power-outages continue.
  • Fill up your gas tank and consider downloading a fuel app to check for outages along your route.
  • Bring supplies such as water and non-perishable food for the car ride.
  • Avoid downed power or utility lines, they may be live with deadly voltage. Stay away and report them immediately to your power or utility company.
  • Only use generators outside and away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage or connect it to your home’s electrical system.

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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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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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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:
Facebook @BeverlyHillsFire Instagram @beverlyhillsfd Twitter @CityofBHFire
Facebook @JustincaseBH

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Respectfully,

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