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City Of Beverly Hills Trains For Possible Earthquake

Great Shakeout Drill Is in its Twelfth Year

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills is ready to “Drop, Cover and Hold” as it prepares for the annual “Shakeout” earthquake drill on Oct. 19 at 10:19 a.m.

Beverly Hills will join the State of California, the County and City of Los Angeles, and the Beverly Hills Unified School District in participating in the Great Shakeout drill. On Thu. Oct. 19, at 10:19 a.m., all participants including City staff will stop what they are doing and react as if an earthquake has occurred: DROP to the ground, take COVER under something sturdy, and HOLD on.

Customers visiting City buildings during the drill will be directed to take the same action. The drill will last approximately two minutes and customer service to the public will be disrupted for a short amount of time. Additionally, key City staff will participate in an exercise that will focus on disaster-time roles and responsibilities.

In light of the recent earthquakes that have happened in Mexico and other places across the globe, the importance of preparedness is greater than ever. The City urges all residents and businesses to become better prepared for major earthquakes by participating in the ShakeOut drill. California is considered a high earthquake risk area. If we practice now, when an earthquake actually occurs, we are more likely to take the correct action.

Information on how to prepare and how to join the City and millions of others in the Great Shakeout can be found at www.shakeout.org.



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