BEVERLY HILLS, October 30, 2021.

Dear CERT volunteers, putting together a family emergency plan should be a practice we do in advance of any type of emergencies or natural disasters, but even if you decided to get into action right after a small earthquake or nearby wildfires, it’s never too late to get it done, remember, disaster doesn’t wait for you to be ready.

Don’t let National Book Month slip away without reviewing the free publications on Ready. You can order a printed copy of individual or community preparedness materials through our warehouse in multiple languages. Learn more: ready.gov/publications

This weekend Halloween celebrations will be taking place around our city, so please drive carefully and if you are trick or treating be sure to use a flashlight or any bright device of your preference to be seen at nighttime. Be safe and have fun!

*Save the date, November 17, 2021 at 6 pm we will be having an in-person CERT refresher at the Municipal Gallery, only 20 spots are available, adhering to County and local COVID-19 mandates and protocols. Please confirm at cert@beverlyhills.org subject line: 11refresher.

Neighbors helping neighbors.
Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan

Creating and practicing a home fire escape plan is simple. Follow the steps below to make sure everyone in your home is prepared and knows what to do in case of a home fire.

- Make a written home fire escape plan and practice getting out in under 2 minutes.
- Make sure you have smoke alarms on every level of your home and in each bedroom. Test them twice a year.
- Download the Make Safe Happen app for a fire drill timer to practice your escape plan.
- Learn the best practices for home fire safety and fire safety with children.

Make an Escape Plan

- Learn two ways out of every room in your home, in case one exit is blocked or dangerous to use. A second way out can include an escape ladder for rooms on an upper level.
- Practice getting low and moving to your exits in case there is smoke.
Choose a safe meeting place a safe distance from your home.
- Have a home fire drill at least twice a year.

Children and Fire Safety

It is important to have a plan when there are children in your home. Children may become very scared and need clear direction and help getting out of the house. They may not know how to escape or what to do unless an adult shows them.

- Have a plan for young children under six who cannot get outside by themselves. In your plan, talk about who will help each child get out safely.
- Children should know what to do when they hear a smoke alarm and there is no adult around. Help them practice going to the outside meeting place.
- Teach children to NEVER go back inside a burning building. Once they are out, stay out!
- Teach your child to get low and crawl on the ground, where the air is less smoky.
- Show a child how to use the back of their hand to check doors for heat before opening and to use a different way out if the door is hot.
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Conduct a Home Fire Drill

Fires can start anywhere in the home and at any time, so run through the plan at different times of the day or night and practice different ways out.

Step 1: Know where to go. Review your safe meeting place. Explain to your kids that when the smoke alarm beeps, they need to get out of the house quickly and meet at that safety spot.

Step 2: Check your smoke alarms. Test your smoke alarms with your kids so they know the sound.

Step 3: Do the drill. Have kids head to their bedrooms and wait for the drill to begin. Assign adults to help young children. Put one adult in charge of sounding the smoke alarm and running the drill. Next, sound the smoke alarm, start the timer and have everyone book it to the safety spot. Once everyone gets to the safe meeting place stop the timer. If you all made it in under two minutes, you each get an imaginary gold medal. If not, give it another try. In a real fire, get to the safe meeting place, then call 9-1-1 and keep everyone close until firefighters arrive.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

October 28, 2021 - November 19, 2021
Monday - Friday,
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Are you prepared for a major emergency or disaster? In a major disaster the Fire and Police Department may be delayed in their response. It may take up to 72 hours for a response for medical care depending on the severity of the event.

Is your family ready to handle any situation that you may face? Gas leak, small fire, major injury, structure collapse, are incidents you may experience in a disaster.

What if someone on your block was trained to help bring families and neighbors together in an emergency? Maybe you want to be that person…

JUST IN CASE BH is for you! This important city-wide program brings residents together before, during, and after an emergency.

JUST IN CASE BH helps to create a neighborhood of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trained neighbors, access to doctors, medical supplies, and a central location for supplies of food and water. The program will also supply Block Captains with a way of communication during power and internet outages

We need you to join this network of residents throughout our city who can support each other until Fire and Police are able to respond. Get involved!

For timely emergency and disaster information, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/disaster

To join the Beverly Hills Neighborhood Watch please visit BHPD Neighborhood Watch Program

WHAT'S MY ZONE? CLICK TO FIND OUT

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.
CERT CALLOUT TEAM

HYDRATION 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

**Thank you to the CERT volunteers who already signed up!**

If you have questions, comments or concerns about the CERT program, please contact us at cert@beverlyhills.org or visit the website at http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/cert/web.jsp

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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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