City of Beverly Hills

Health and Safety Commission
Regular Meeting

October 27, 2008
4:00 pm
City Hall Room 180-A

Enhancing the Health and Safety of Our Community
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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
City Hall Room 180-A  
AGENDA

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
October 27, 2008  
4:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. COMMISSION MINUTES  
• Consideration of minutes of September 22, 2008.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE  
At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON  
• Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting – October 8, 2008.  
• Other items of interest.

F. DIRECTOR’S REPORT  
• Report from Myra Lurie, Beverly Hills School District Board Member  
• Information Only:  
  a) November 13, 2008 The Great Southern California ShakeOut Flyer  
  b) Beverly Hills CPR October Newsletter  
  c) C.E.R.T. October Newsletter  
  d) Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions Workshop Flyer  
  e) Flu Shots for Senior and Disabled Flyer  
  f) September 24, 2008 Beverly Hills Courier Fall Prevention Awareness Week Article  
• The Process of Adding Items to Health and Safety Commission Agenda

G. NEW BUSINESS  
1. Presentation from Los Angeles County Vector Control – Robert Saviskas, Director  
2. Great Southern California Shakeout; Golden Guardian  
3. Measure E Update  
4. Seasonal Flu: November Farmer’s Market  
5. Work Plan & Goals & Objectives.
H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS
Commissioners' brief responses to public comments, questions for clarification, brief announcements, and brief reports on activities.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF
Requests for information, provision of references, and directions to place items on future Agendas.

J. ADJOURNMENT
BEVERLY HILLS HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008
4:00 PM

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Aronberg, Vice-Chair Seidel
Commissioners Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson
Staff: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management/Staff Liaison
Adrianne Tarazon, Administrative Liaison

B. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Seidel.

C. Commission Minutes

MOVED by Seidel, SECONDED by Millan to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 4, 2008 (7/0)
Ayes: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg
Noes: None
CARRIED.

D. Oral Communications from the Audience

AJ Wilmer, former Beverly Hills Unified School District board member spoke in support of Bond Measure E, which if passed will provide funding to upgrade and provide facilities that are safe, secure and technologically updated. He endorsed the Measure stating the schools should be held to the highest building standards and there is a need to generate money to fund these upgrades. He stated this was important because the City uses the buildings for shelters, evacuation centers and points of distribution centers in case of an emergency or disaster. AJ Wilmer requested the Health and Safety Commissions' official support of this measure.

Commissioner Millan then questioned Mr. Wilmer on the schools' infrastructure. Mr. Wilmer responded additional upgrading must be done and Beverly Hills High School needed seismic and security upgrades.
E. Report from the Chairperson

MAYOR’S CABINET MEETING – September 10, 2008

Chair Aronberg thanked Pamela Mottice-Muller for the Emergency Preparedness outreach and suggested the Emergency Preparedness flyer be available on the City website. Pamela Mottice Muller thanked Chair Aronberg and Commissioner Millan for their assistance in updating the emergency contact directory on the flyer.

Chair Aronberg also updated the Commission on a report from the Human Relations Commission on hate crimes in Los Angeles County and shared that over 50 offenders had been cited for the misuse of handicap placards.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.
None.

F. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Myra Lurie complimented the Commission on the National Preparedness Month outreach. She also asked for the Health and Safety Commissions’ support of Bond Measure E which will be on the November ballot. She stated the Beverly Hills schools currently has a need for seismic and security upgrades and said an example of this was that Beverly Hills High School could not be “locked down” and needs a fence for security purposes. The improvements made would be to provide safe and modernized school facilities, make necessary structural seismic safety repairs and upgrades, repair and reconstruct aging classrooms/multi-use rooms, and upgrade roofing to electrical systems. Ms. Lurie also announced the kickoff in support for Bond Measure E would be Sunday, September 28, 2008.

Ms. Lurie also reported that several incidents occurred where students' personal property was stolen while walking home from school. Commissioner Millan questioned where the incidents occurred and Ms. Lurie responded that it was at a bus stop on Charleville and Olympic boulevards. Commissioner Setian then questioned if the police were contacted. Lieutenant Tim West was present in the audience and responded that he would take it back to the PD to ensure the issue was being addressed.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- "E Waste Round Up Flyer"
- "FY 2008/2009 Operating Budget"
- "FY 2008/2009 Capitol Improvement Budget"
- "August/September CPR & C.E.R.T. Newsletter"
- "Emergency Preparedness Flyer"
OTHER ITEMS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. 3N MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION: LT. TIM WEST

Lieutenant Tim West of the Beverly Hills Police Department reported on the 3N Mass Notification system that would replace the thirteen year old teleminder system currently in use. The 3N system was chosen for different features such as:

- notifies City residents and businesses within minutes in case of an emergency or disaster
- funded by COPS Grant
- no hardware, all off-site (offices, backup system)
- easy to use (web-based, several ways to notify people)

The 3N system is a critical notification system for all Beverly Hills citizens’ residential and businesses. The notification system sends messages to residents, if they register, via text, PDA, Blackberry, email, or cell phone.

2. POSSIBLE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER RETROFIT ORDINANCE: CAPT. BRUCE LESSING

Captain Bruce Lessing of the Beverly Hills Fire Department reported

- Flu vaccinations were available free of service to all Beverly Hills employees and Commissioners
- November 13, 2008 there would be the Citywide “Great Shakeout” event
- C.E.R.T. refresher classes would be held on October 18, 2008

Capt. Lessing also requested input from the Commission on a possible residential fire sprinkler retro-fit ordinance. The Fire Department wanted to get the Health and Safety Commission’s comments and thoughts on this possible ordinance that would require all existing multi-family residential units, hotels, motels, high-rises and similar buildings to be retrofitted with fire sprinkler systems in accordance with applicable NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards within a period of 20 years. The ordinance could also be implemented to assist property owners in offering the following incentives: expedited plan reviews, reduction in water meter fees, reduction in plan review fees, and reduction in permit fees.

Captain Lessing explained the cost estimate in installing fire sprinklers would vary depending on the type of occupancy. For existing occupancies, additional cost may be included due to the age of occupancy and for possible tenant displacement and business interruption.
Vice Chair Seidel then asked the number of buildings affected including rental properties. Other questions asked by Commissioners Millan, Judelson, and Landau were:

- Technology updates – which would cause owners to have to re-do their current fire sprinkler system?
- How many high-rise buildings don’t have fire sprinklers installed?
- What about recommendations/endorsements
- Would there be a rebate program for landlords or tax credits to help make it easier cost-wise?

Capt. Lessing stated this was just a discussion for the Commissions’ ideas and options to explore. All Commissioners felt this was a great idea, but were concerned the cost would be expensive.

3. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM PRESENTATION BY CHERYL FRIEDLING, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Cheryl Friedling provided information on the City of Beverly Hills' formal Legislative Platform. She reported the City hires lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The Legislative Platform contains broad policy statements pertaining to a variety of issues that impact the City of Beverly Hills. The City’s primary legislative focus includes protecting local government control, maintaining local government revenue, pursuing homeland security funding, obtaining funding for transportation improvements actively supporting Westside subway extension. She stated the City could only take a lead on a few issues because of its size and resources and that the City coordinates many of its legislative initiatives through the League of California Cities, an association of California city officials who work together to exchange information and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities.

Ms. Friedling stated the Westside Cities Council of Governments (Westside COG) is a joint powers authority created by the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood and the City of Los Angeles who have partnered in a voluntary cooperative effort to forge consensus on policies and programs of regional importance. In addition, the Westside COG provides a forum for discussion and communication as well as formalized representation and advocacy with governmental agencies at all levels.

4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE: ROBIN CHANCELLOR

Robin Chancellor, Director of Communications and Marketing, gave an update on National Preparedness Month (September). She stated the outreach efforts included:

- Emergency Preparedness postcard mailers sent out to every City of Beverly Hills resident/household
Muller stated the Commissioners would be able to give their support and opinions individually, but not as a Commission. The Health and Safety Commission could make a recommendation to City Council to support or not support a measure.

Myra Lurie stated the main concern for the Health and Safety Commissions’ involvement and support for Bond Measure E was the use of the schools as emergency evacuation shelters.

Myra Lurie offered to get all pamphlets and information out to the Commission to give them a background on the measure or hold a special meeting to obtain more information for those who did not feel there was enough information available to make a decision.

After discussion, Chair Aronberg then motioned to take a vote and move a recommendation to Council to support Bond Measure E on behalf of the Health and Safety Commission.

MOVED by Aronberg, SECONDED by Judelson to advise City of Beverly Hills City Council of Health and Safety Commission support for Bond Measure E. (5/7)

Ayes: Millan, Setian, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg
Abstains: Landau, Kopeikin (due to lack of information)

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS
None.

I. COMMISSIONERS’ INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF
Commissioner Millan asked about the process to put items on the agenda. This will be explained at the next Health and Safety Commission meeting on October 27, 2008.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Aronberg, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
This _______ day of ________, 2008

Sandra Aronberg, Chair
• Emergency Preparedness banners were put up all over key points in the City of Beverly Hills
• The library had preparedness banners displayed
• Chair Aronberg and Vice Chair Seidel recorded radio messages
• City website www.beverlyhills.org provided preparedness information to businesses and residents
• Dr. Lucy Jones Business Symposium flyers were distributed to City businesses
• Outreach campaign was held at Farmer’s Market with Chair Aronberg and Commissioner Setian in attendance
• Emergency Preparedness materials were distributed at Senior Health Fair
• PTA Council was given a presentation on preparedness
• City of Beverly Hills monthly newsletter included preparedness information
• Fall Prevention Week would be first week of autumn (September 21-27, 2008)

5. ESTABLISHING STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Pamela Moffice-Muller reviewed the differences between standing and advisory committees under the Brown Act and that both must be “less than a quorum of the legislative body.” For a seven member body, a quorum is four, so the “sub-committee” cannot be greater than three members of the Commission. Chair Aronberg stated the different areas of interest could be divided within the Commission. Pamela Moffice-Muller stated the Commission needed staff support to all committees. The Commission reviewed their advisory role and the need to further discuss the work plan. The Commission will review and discuss at the next meeting before going for approval before Health and Safety Commission Council Liaisons and City Council. All Commissioners voiced a need to make a difference in the community and discussed the importance of recommending new programs to the City Council.

6. REVIEW OF 2008 BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REPORT: EXHIBIT A & B

MOVED by Millan, SECONDED by Setian to approve the 2008 City of Beverly Hills Conflict of Interest Code which requires that each local agency adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and determine with positions within the agency are subject to the Code. (7/0)

Noes: None

CARRIED.

7. COMMISSION’S INVOLVEMENT IN BOND MEASURE E

Staff liaison Pamela Mottice-Muller spoke about the Commission’s role and procedures to support Bond Measure E that would be on the November ballot.
ShakeOut Surpasses 4 million participants!
October 17, 2008

At 10 a.m. on November 13, millions of Southern Californians in eight counties will drop, cover, and hold on as part of the largest earthquake preparedness activity in U.S. history! The ShakeOut is a chance to practice how to protect ourselves in earthquakes, and for everyone to get more prepared. Please register today.

We're All in This Together
As of October 17, over 4.2 million people have been registered to participate in the ShakeOut Drill. This includes private and public school students and staff from over 160 school districts, employees of over 1500 businesses and community organizations, staff at 70 hospitals throughout southern California, and many others. To see which organizations are participating in your area, go to www.ShakeOut.org and click on your county's name in the right column.

Can You Beat the Quake?
To help Southern Californians prepare for the ShakeOut Drill, a fun and informative game called “Beat the Quake” is now available to be played at www.ShakeOut.org. Players must secure objects in a virtual living room before a simulated earthquake shakes and breaks those items not secured. At the end of the game, be sure to encourage your friends or colleagues to try to play. “Beat the Quake” was made possible with generous support from The Home Depot.

Get Ready to ShakeOut!
Immediately after a major earthquake, we can expect many small fires to ignite. It will be up to individuals to stop small fires before they can combine into large ones that destroy homes, blocks and even whole neighborhoods. It is vital that your home has at least one working fire extinguisher and that all family members know how to use it - even the kids! Practice using it as part of your family ShakeOut drill.

ShakeOut Updates

- ShakeOut information in Spanish is now online at http://www.shakeout.org/espanol

- A "ShakeOut Drill Broadcast" will be available soon to play in offices, schools, on radio or TV, etc. It is meant to be played beginning at 10 a.m. on November 13, as it provides instructions for what to do during the drill. Versions with or without earthquake sound effects will be available soon.

- Immediately following the ShakeOut drill, Art Center College of Design will launch "After Shock"—an on-line simulation of the individual and social impacts of a major earthquake on the communities of Southern California. The simulation will unfold over several weeks.

- Upcoming events are listed on the ShakeOut Calendar

We Can Make History
People get prepared for earthquakes when they discuss what to do with people they know. Start that conversation by forwarding this email to your friends, family, colleagues, and others, and encourage them to join you in the ShakeOut. If you are registered as an individual, you can also use the "invite others" feature when you login, where you can see if people you have invited have registered.
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MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

In the last newsletter, I gave all of you a heads-up on a number of large classes which were already scheduled for the end of the year. So far, no one has called to say you are available. And now we have now been asked to train the entire staff of the still-being-built Montage Hotel in the City. The first class will be for the 19 members of their security staff. This will be on Monday, November 3rd from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. I hope that now that we are a bit closer to the training dates, I will get some calls. **Please don’t each read this and assume someone else is stepping up to the plate.** Remember that keeping this Training Center afloat is a cooperative effort. For the Montage in particular, if you are available for daytime classes, please call me ASAP since there is obviously a need for a large cadre of instructors. The other classes for the hotel will all be scheduled during the rest of November and December. There is the potential of over 200 additional people.

BH CPR, in collaboration with the Fire Department, will be hosting an American Heart Association Workshop on November 19th. The invited participants will be Training Center Coordinators, Regional Faculty, and Training Center Faculty from all over southern California. We anticipate close to 200 people to be in attendance. The topics to be discussed will be: how to prevent quality assurance issues – proper screening of new instructors, proper verification of cards, and other issues that can put training centers and/or instructors into “hot water”; how to conduct Instructor Courses; and a review of all new products. Since we are the host center, if any of you would like to attend, please let me know and if there is room, I think I know the right people to get you
I want to thank Chief Scranton for all his support in this project and Chief Embrey for his hands-on help with the physical arrangements.

You still have three months in which to give some volunteer time and be eligible for attending the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at no cost. The dinner will be on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at Lawry’s. I did send everyone a letter a month or so ago giving you your status but if you are unsure of your present hours, please call and I will be happy to give you the information.

NEWS FROM THE AHA

The most recent edition of Currents is now available for download from the Instructor’s Network. There are a number of pertinent articles which include:

- The Newest Recommendations for Instructors regarding the use of an AED in pediatric patients;
- A synopsis of what happened in Las Vegas at the ECCU Conference including acknowledging BH CPR as winning the PSA Award;
- The training of 60,000 people in New York using the Anytime Kit;
- A Save story from Florida;
- An Eagle Scout project utilizing a Mass Training.

Remember that you should be a member of the Instructor Network and registered to receive Currents.
CALENDARS

OCTOBER 2008

Wednesday, 1  
**Rosh Hashanah**  
Office Closed

Sunday, 5  
Fire Department Showcase  
Farmer's Market  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Civic Center Dr.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF OUR TABLE**

Monday, 6  
Heartsaver AED  
BH CPR Training Room  
12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.  
(City Class)

Family and Friends  
CPR Training Room  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
(Community)

Wednesday, 8  
**Beginning of Yom Kippur**  
Office Closed in the P.M.

Thursday, 9  
Yom Kippur  
Office Closed

Monday, 13  
**City Innovation Day**  
Office Closed

Wednesday, 15  
Heartsaver AED  
CPR Training Room  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
(Community)

Thursday, 16  
Heartsaver CPR  
CPR Training Room  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
(Community)

Monday, 20  
HCP – Initial  
CPR Training Room  
5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
(Community)

Saturday, 25  
First Aid/CPR/AED  
CPR Training Room  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(Private)

Monday, 27  
HCP – Renewal  
CPR Training Room  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
(Community)

Thursday, 30  
Family and Friends  
CPR Training Room  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
(Community)
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Sunday, 2  
*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

Monday, 3  
First Aid/CPR/AED  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Montage Hotel  
(Private)

Family and Friends  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Community)

Wednesday, 5  
Heartsaver CPR  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Community)

Monday, 10  
*Veteran's Day*  
Office Closed

Tuesday, 11  
First Aid  
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
DGA  
(Private – Off Site)

Wednesday, 12  
HCP – Renewal  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Community)

Thursday, 13  
The Great American Shakeout  
Community-Wide Drill

Heartsaver AED  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Community)

Tuesday, 18  
Heartsaver AED  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Private)

Wednesday, 19  
*AHA Meeting for Training*
*Center Coordinators, Regional Library Auditorium*  
*Faculty, & Training Center Faculty*

HCP – Initial  
**5:30 p.m.** – 10:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Community)

Monday, 24  
Heartsaver First Aid  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
CPR Training Room  
(Community)

Thursday, 27  
Thanksgiving  
Office Closed

Friday, 28  
City Holiday  
Office Closed

CPR Office Number – (310) 281-2753
Notes from the Coordinator – Sonia Berman

Congratulations to the following members of our most recent graduating class: Tracy Arnett; Oana Ciufu; Adam Dansky; Ron Durgin; Anne Griffin; Marina Hall; Zac Holland; Jody Kleinman; Lee Lewis; Jake Manaster; Pamela Meadow; Jack Nourafshan; and Jeff Runyan.

Congratulations to Captain Lessing on successfully completing his first class.

As you can see, this was a relatively small class but they made up for numbers with enthusiasm. Just look at the pictures in this newsletter and you will see how they
carried victims out of the damaged building very adeptly, lifted the concrete block, and treated the injured. We look forward to them continuing their efforts.

Notes from the Fire Department- Bruce Lessing

Greeting CERT Graduates:

On September 20, 2008, 13 outstanding citizens of our community graduated and are now members of our CERT family. Please join me in congratulating them and when you see some new faces at the upcoming refreshers, please welcome them to the group. It may have been a smaller CERT class, but they excelled in class and on the final. I also want to thank Boy Scout Troop 110 for all their help. Troop 110 definitely knows how to bring realism and excitement to the final exam.

On October 18, 2008 at 8:00 am we will be holding a CERT Refresher Class. If you are able to attend this class, please call Sonia at 310 281-2754 and let her know.

In preparation for the Great Southern California Shake Out, the refresher will cover:

1. How to prepare for an earthquake
2. What to do during an earthquake
3. What to do and look for after an earthquake
4. How we can help others after an earthquake
   A. Disaster medical and triage
   B. Moving victims
   C. Treatment areas

At future refresher classes, we are implementing pre-registration of volunteers as Registered Beverly Hills Disaster Service Workers (DSW) Volunteers. Becoming a Registered DSW Volunteer allows you to participate in CERT drills and exercises, including the Great Southern California Shake Out. In the event of a disaster we will save valuable time and lessen confusion by having CERT members pre-registered. All DSW’s will need to be registered and take a disaster oath before being put to work as a volunteer. Registered and sworn DSW’s are covered by California State Workers Compensation while performing disaster
training and/or service. You will also need to fill out a Volunteer application and sign a City of Beverly Hills Release of Liability and User Indemnity Agreement for Volunteers. If you have any questions, we will try to answer them at the refresher class or feel free to give me a call 310 281-2703.

If you haven’t heard about the Great Shakeout, it is an exercise, on November 13 at 10:00 are, that all of Southern California is taking part in. The exercise will focus on the response and recovery from a catastrophic magnitude 7.8 major earthquake on the San Andreas Fault. The epicenter will be along the southern part of the fault but will cause substantial damage here in Beverly Hills. If you would like to participate in this exercise, as a CERT member, please give Sonia a call and we will get back with you when we have more information. If you are not able to participate with us, then on November 13th at 10:00 am, please think about what you would do if a real earthquake were to happen.

Hope to see you at the refresher on October 18th
Bruce Lessing
This program was developed at Stanford University's Patient Education Research Center. Studies found that people taking this program improved their behavior (exercise, coping, symptom management and communicating with physicians.)

Roxbury Park Community Center will be sponsoring a workshop to help you take control of your health challenges.

Please sign up today if you’re interested in joining a group.

Dates and Time to be determined

or

Call Roxbury Park Community Center
471 S. Roxbury Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
310.285.6840
FLU SHOTS

Roxbury Park
Community Center Auditorium
471 South Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills

FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED

Wednesday
October 29, 2008
9am-Noon

No appointment is necessary
No charge

The influenza vaccine is recommended for those people age 60 and older, those with chronic heart, lung or kidney diseases, and those with diabetes, asthma or other chronic conditions. If you are hypersensitive to or have an allergy to eggs, or if you have a serious illness, please consult with your doctor about whether or not you should receive the flu vaccine.

Call 310.285.6840 for more information
Council Recognizes Fall Prevention Awareness Week

At its meeting last night, the Beverly Hills City Council issued a proclamation declaring this week Fall Prevention Awareness Week.

Beverly Hills' recognition of FPAW follows a presentation to the City's Health and Safety Commission by Jon Pynoos, Ph.D., a 25-year resident who is a professor of gerontology at USC and co-director of the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence.

“For many years it was assumed that falls just happen as people age. I know from personal family experiences they take a toll on individuals, families, and society,” Pynoos said.

“Fall Prevention Awareness Week helps get the message out that falls can be significantly reduced by making our homes and the community safer, assessing older people for their risk of falls, and promoting physical activity programs that improve balance.”

On Aug. 11, the California Legislature approved State Concurrent Resolution 77 institute FPAW as the first week of autumn each year. It calls for more attention to fall prevention efforts in local governments planning activities as well as in the state’s aging programs.

FPAW is authored by State Sen. Alan Lowenthal.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners
FROM: Adrianne Tarazon, Commission Secretary
DATE: October 27, 2008
SUBJECT: Presentation from Los Angeles County Vector Control – Robert Saviskas, Director

Robert Saviskas, Executive Director of Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District and Bill DiSalvo, Beverly Hills Trustee will be providing information regarding vector-transmitted diseases, vector related injuries, and the services the district provides.
INTRODUCTION

On Thursday November 13, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the City will join Federal, State, County and other Cities in participating in the Southern California Shakeout and by holding the annual Golden Guardian disaster exercise. All employees will have the opportunity to participate in all or part of the exercise. The exercise goal is to enhance the City's disaster readiness by improving and rehearsing a variety of functions and responsibilities in the field, in Department Operating Centers (DOC's) and in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The purpose of this exercise is to provide a positive learning experience for City staff, which encourages teamwork, increases communication on all levels and provides for the expansion of emergency management and public safety skills.

DISCUSSION

This year's combination field, DOC, and EOC functional exercise is designed to include the completion of multiple real time tasks and activities.

Exercise objectives are as follows:

- Practice the City's ability to mobilize initial and overall response to the earthquake scenario.
- Incorporate stakeholders into the initial and on-going response (e.g. schools, chamber, businesses).
- Assess the City's ability to collect and analyze shake values and damage information from a variety of sources.
- Coordinate a multi department level Field, DOC & EOC response using the City's Emergency Operations Plan, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the Incident Command System, and the Master Mutual Aid Plan.
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- Allow city emergency management personnel to assess their current level of operational readiness both in the field, in the DOC's and the EOC.

- Establish communication between the field, dispatch, DOC's, the EOC, outside agencies and the County of Los Angeles.

- Test enhanced technologies.

- Complete pre-established department exercises, activities and tasks that will meet the goals set forth by the departments.

The exercise is divided into the following two parts:

**Southern California Shakeout**

The Great California Shakeout is the largest earthquake drill in United States history. This drill is organized to inspire Southern Californians to ready themselves for an earthquake, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. The Health and Safety Commission is asked to engage the community to join the employees of the City of Beverly Hills and over five million other Southern Californians at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2008 to stop and think, "If there was an earthquake right now, what would I do?" Everyone is encouraged to take action and Drop, Cover, and Hold. All City of Beverly Hills employees will participate as well as the Beverly Hills School District. Staff requests your assistance in disseminating information and by having your friends, family, and place of businesses participate. At the Health and Safety Commission meeting you will be provided with flyer to handout to friends, families and businesses. For more information and to register go to www.shakeout.org.

**Golden Guardian 2008 Full Scale Exercise**

The full scale exercise will focus on the response and recovery from a catastrophic magnitude 7.8 major earthquake on the San Andreas Fault with a rip zone starting in the vicinity of Bombay Beach, at the Salton Sea area of Imperial County and stretching to the vicinity of Lake Hughes in Los Angeles County. The earthquake and resultant damage estimates have been developed by the US Geological Survey and other geologists and geophysicists to represent a scientifically supportable disaster. Dr. Lucy Jones recently spoke as part of the City's speaker's forum on this recent study. Her presentation can be found on the City's website. The Shakeout/Golden Guardian Scenario booklet which condenses the 120 page report is provided.

Operation Shakeout & Golden Guardian is an excellent opportunity to train and rehearse the response of City staff and our stakeholders in all areas of response.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

All employees will participate in a half hour long “Drop, Cover, and Hold” exercise. Afterwards selected employees will participate at various times and at various response levels. City services should not be affected during this time.
RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Safety Commission is invited to participate in all or part of the exercise. At 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2008 staff requests all Health and Safety Commissioners stop, wherever you are and whatever you are doing and think, "If an earthquake happened right now, what would I do?" and then take the appropriate immediate action.

At the Health and Safety Commission meeting a discussion will be held to discuss the Commission's participation before the Shakeout, spreading the word of participation and during the actual full-scale response exercise: Golden Guardian in which Commissioners can participate by role-playing yourself by calling or coming to the City. We will discuss your availability at the meeting.

Currently Commissioner Peter Landau is assisting in writing the exercise for the City.

Pamela Mottice-Muller
Director Office of
Emergency Management
Great Southern California ShakeOut Radio Messages

Message # 1

This is Health and Safety Commissioner __________ asking you, are you really prepared? What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like long after the event has occurred. Join the City of Beverly Hills and participate in the Great Southern California ShakeOut on November 13th. Register at www.ShakeOut.org/register and be part of the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history.

Message # 2

This is Health and Safety Commissioner __________ letting you know that Southern California is earthquake country, and every day is earthquake season. Get ready now for the next earthquake. Join the City of Beverly Hills and participate in the Great Southern California ShakeOut on November 13th. Register at www.ShakeOut.org/register and be part of the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history.
Chair Sandra Aronberg and Commissioner Gail Millan attended the City Council meeting to present the Health and Safety Commission’s recommendation that the City Council support Measure E. The attached staff report was provided to the City Council. Chair Aronberg and Vice Chair David Seidel were instrumental in writing the staff report.

The City Council agreed to support Measure E and requested the Health and Safety Commission appoint a liaison from the Commission to the School’s Community Oversight Committee. Health and Safety School Board Liaison Myra Lurie was present and spoke at the City Council meeting. She stated she would discuss this request with the Commission at the October 27, 2008.
INTRODUCTION
On September 22, 2008, during the monthly Health and Safety Commission meeting, the Commission discussed Beverly Hills United School District Bond Measure E. A Commissioner requested the item be agenized to discuss their roles as individuals and as a Commission regarding the involvement of this Measure on the November ballot. Staff researched the question and it was determined that although the ordinance clearly states the Health and Safety Commission shall not become involved with School safety issues, because of the Joint Powers Agreement and the City contracting with the school district to use the buildings, the safety and security of the buildings becomes a community issue therefore allowing Commission involvement.

During the meeting, Board of Education member and School Liaison to the Health and Safety Commission, Myrie Lurie, provided a summary of the Bond Measure. A community member also spoke and provided additional information, requesting the Commission’s support of this Measure. After discussion, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to recommend the City Council support Measure E. Two members abstained as they felt they did not have enough information on the Measure to vote. The Commission is recommending the City Council support the measure based on the need to ensure the buildings are safe and secure and since these facilities are a part of the City’s emergency operations plan.

DISCUSSION
Measure E is a $334 million general obligation bond measure that poses to provide students and the community with improved and upgraded facilities that are safe, secure and technologically updated.

The Health and Safety Commission supports this Measure because the safety studies that have been conducted for the Beverly Hills Unified School District have identified hazards related to the life safety and security of those using the buildings and facilities. According to the School’s Facilities Master Plan, each campus has either seismic safety
and/or site security deficiencies. The Commission feels the district has data that indicates that several structures fall below the recommended threshold for protecting lives and property should a quake occur.

District studies have also identified security issues regarding the ability to lock down campuses and control access in and out of areas. The hazard involves the potential of an individual or group targeting the facility or those using the facilities to commit violence or terrorize the community.

The Health and Safety Commission believes the City has a vested interest in these facilities. In the event of a major disaster the school sites are primary evacuation and shelter locations. This includes but is not limited to earthquake, wildfire, pandemic and civil unrest. The school facilities must remain intact to provide critical services. They must also be secure to maintain public order and the distribution of supplies and resources.

Bond Measure "E" will provide funds to modify, adapt or replace facilities across the district. The Commission believes this may be the only near-term opportunity that includes both the funds and the plan of action to remediate these problems expeditiously. The Health and Safety Commission has no view or opinion on portions of the bond not related to Health and Safety issues. The position of the Health and Safety Commission is that this is an issue that warrants the recommendation for City Council action in the form of support for Measure E.

Frequently Asked Questions on Measure E, which was provided by the Board of Education School Liaison to the Commission at the Sept. 22, 2008, meeting are attached

FISCAL IMPACT
There are no fiscal impacts to the City.

RECOMMENDATION
The Health and Safety Commission recommends the City Council support Bond Measure E.

Pamela Mottice Muller
Director of Emergency Management
Commissioner Gail Millan has been working on putting together the Farmers Market outreach for November 16. The theme will be Seasonal Influenza. She is proposing the following:

- Handwashing Testing
- Hand Sanitizer Giveaways
- Wash Your Hands/Cough Flyers
- Related posters from Public Health
- Vaccination Location Handout
- Pandemic Handout

Employees will also be provided with handouts and the opportunity to have Flu vaccinations.

Commissioner Millan requests your input on the above and any other ideas you may have for the Farmer's Market.
After discussion during the last Commission meeting Chair Aronberg, Vice Chair Seidel met with staff to discuss the Goals and Objectives and Work Plan. It was felt that before the plan went to the City Council Liaisons and then to the City Council for approval the Commission as a group should review and discuss again the items.

The Commission should discuss and review the following current approved goals & objectives:

To Create a “Community Culture of Awareness and Preparedness”
- Support campaigns to educate the community on the topic of disaster preparedness: National Preparedness Month, Great Southern California Shakeout Drill, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Week, and April Earthquake Month.
- Encourage and Support Citizen Corp activities and involvement

To Encourage Good Decision Making and Battle Complacency On Health and Safety Matters
- Develop and Implement Health and Safety Awards
- Supplement disaster preparedness message with other health and safety messages throughout the year

To Serve as a Ambassadors to the Community on Health and Safety Related Resources and Information
- Explore ways to provide resources to the community
- Support outreach to individuals with special needs and identify those needs before, during and after a disaster.