BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

BEVERLY HILLS, November 20, 2021.

Dear CERT volunteers, as we’re rapidly approaching the Holiday Season some preparedness reminders are always useful:

- Never leave your stove unattended while cooking,
- Keep an eye on lit candles,
- Having a small fire extinguisher in the kitchen is a great idea,
- When traveling, plan ahead to avoid last minute rushing,
- Most importantly, celebrate safely and joyously.

The Beverly Hills CERT program wants to THANK YOU for your constant support, feedback and all good wishes received throughout 2021.

Happy Thanksgiving from Pam, Trisha, Les, Pete, David, Fire Personnel, and yours truly!

Neighbors helping neighbors.
Make A Plan

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you’ll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that’s familiar and easy to find.

Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends or household to start your emergency plan.

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. What is my shelter plan?
3. What is my evacuation route?
4. What is my family/household communication plan?
5. Do I need to update my emergency preparedness kit?
6. Check with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and update my emergency plans due to Coronavirus.
Get masks (for everyone over 2 years old), disinfectants, and check my sheltering plan.

**Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.**

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance. Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

**Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan**

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use it as a guide to create your own.

**Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household**
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. 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…

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

**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 all CERTs to join this network of residents throughout our city who can support each other until Fire and Police are able to respond. Get involved, localize your Zone and register!

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.

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