



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Health and Safety Commissioners

**FROM:** Meena Janmohamed, Intern to Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Emergency Management

**DATE:** September 26, 2016

**SUBJECT:** California Great ShakeOut

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**INTRODUCTION**

On October 20, 2016 at 10:20 a.m., the City of Beverly Hills will join the State of California, the County and City of Los Angeles, and many other stakeholders in participating in the Great California Shakeout drill. On that date, all participants will stop what they are doing and react as if an earthquake has occurred; responding by dropping to the ground, taking cover under something sturdy, and holding on: DROP, COVER and HOLD.

**DISCUSSION**

We all must become better prepared for major earthquakes, and also practice how to protect ourselves when they occur. The purpose of the earthquake drill is to help people and organizations do both. Compared to the rest of the country, California is considered to be at a high earthquake risk. As with anything, to react quickly you must practice often. We may only have seconds to protect ourselves, before strong shaking knocks us down or drops something on us. The idea is, if we practice now, then when an earthquake actually occurs, we will take the correct action by automatically dropping to the ground, taking cover and holding on.

On October 20, 2016 millions of Californians will participate in the Shakeout Drill. At 10:20 a.m. all Shakeout drill participants will stop what they are doing and react accordingly. The City encourages all residents and businesses to participate. Information on how to prepare and how to join the City and millions of others is found at [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org).

Drill goals for all City departments are as follows:



- practice
- practice the activation of the EERT (Employee Emergency Response Team)
- practice the initial reporting and compiling of information on City facility damage, City injuries, and department status,
- practice activating the EOC.

The initial drill will last two minutes, but the remaining drill will last for one hour. Customer Service to the Public will only be disrupted for a short amount of time.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Commissioners asked to go to [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org) and sign up to participate as well as encourage residents and businesses to do the same.