

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: October 16, 2007
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
Subject: Annual Citywide Disaster Exercise
Attachments: None

INTRODUCTION

During the month of November, the City of Beverly Hills will hold its eighth annual disaster exercise. In conjunction with Los Angeles County, the exercise will occur over a three day period. The scenario, designed by the County of Los Angeles, is based on a distant-source tsunami. The City of Beverly Hills will participate at a variety of levels on November 1, 8, and 15. The exercise goal is to enhance the City's readiness.

DISCUSSION

This year's exercise will occur as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITY	GROUPS INVOLVED
November 1	Alert & Warning	Policy Group, Planning and Intelligence Section, Public Information Officers
November 8	1.5 hour EOC Section Meetings	EOC Team
November 15	Public Safety Field Exercise in Santa Monica	Selected Public Safety Staff

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The exercise will provide opportunities for staff to increase their disaster response knowledge and to improve the City's overall readiness. Over the next few weeks, additional planning will occur. An opportunity for City Council participation in the November 1 public information activity is being considered. Further details will be forthcoming.

Objectives are currently under development. The following are initial objectives that have been identified:

November 1:

- To test the external and internal alert and warning system.
- To practice public information outreach.
- To increase the Policy Group's knowledge of a tsunami risk.
- To practice the development of response goals pertaining to the scenario.

November 8:

- To increase the EOC Teams knowledge of a tsunami risk.
- To hold EOC Section meetings to follow up on last year's "Operation Doubleheader" critique.

November 15:

- To provide Public Safety personnel the opportunity to participate in a Mutual Aid Field exercise in the City of Santa Monica.

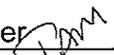
Next year, starting in April and ending in November, an extensive Los Angeles County exercise will be held. When received, additional information will be provided.

FISCAL IMPACT

Anticipated staff time and possible overtime costs for public safety personnel participating in the November 15 field exercise is currently in the 07/08 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

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