



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** October 5, 2010  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management *Pam*  
**Subject:** Great California Shakeout Drill on October 21, 2010 10:21 am  
**Attachments:** None

**INTRODUCTION**

On October 21, 2010 at 10:21 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 including City Staff 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 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 21, 2010 at 10:21 a.m., City staff will join millions of others by participating in the Shakeout Drill. All employees in all City facilities and in the field will stop and react accordingly. Customers visiting City buildings during the drill, will be directed to take the same action. The City hopes residents and businesses will do the same. 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**

City Council is 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. City Council members are welcome to observe and participate in the drill at any City facility.

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