



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: October 15, 2013
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management
Subject: Great Shakeout Drill
Attachments: None

INTRODUCTION

On October 17, 2013 at 10:17 a.m., the City of Beverly Hills will join the State of California, the County and City of Los Angeles, and many other stakeholders, including the Beverly Hills Unified School District, 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 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 has a high risk of a major earthquake. As with anything, practicing allows for a quick reaction. In an earthquake, 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 automatically drop to the ground, take cover, and hold on. On October 17, 2013 at 10:17 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 in this Shakeout can be found at 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.

The drill will last approximately two minutes. Customer Service to the Public will be disrupted for a short amount of time.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council is asked to participate as well as to encourage the participation of all residents and businesses. For more information the Community should be directed to www.shakeout.org. City Council members are welcome to observe and participate in the drill at any City facility.

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