



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 1, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management
Subject: April is Earthquake Preparedness Month
Attachments: 1. None

INTRODUCTION

At the Regular Meeting tonight, the Health and Safety Commission recommends the City Council proclaim April as Earthquake Preparedness Month in the City of Beverly Hills. The City will join the State, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and other cities and counties in the State with encouraging our community, both residential and businesses, to take action in becoming prepared for earthquakes and all other types of disasters.

DISCUSSION

Community members, both residential and businesses are encouraged to take emergency preparedness steps to make themselves, their neighborhoods and our community more self-sufficient in the event of an earthquake or other disaster; and to be able to live without outside assistance for three to seven days.

Citizens can locate earthquake preparedness information at the following locations:

- City Web Page www.beverlyhills.org. and by going to www.ready.gov,
- City's cable channels 10 and 35,
- information booth at the Farmers Market including a booth at Earth Day,
- City parking structures, the Library, and public counters,
- 1500 AM radio station,
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings held during April, and
- by calling the Office of Emergency Management at 310.285.1025.

Additional preparedness information and programs will be provided to all City employees and various community groups.

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FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Safety Commission recommends the City Council:

- proclaim April as Earthquake Preparedness Month,
- encourage all residents, neighborhoods, businesses to increase their knowledge and awareness of what to do before, during, and after an earthquake or other emergency by calling the City's Office of Emergency Management, attending Neighborhood Watch meetings held in April, signing up for a Community Emergency Response Training class and going to www.beverlyhills.org or www.ready.gov.

In the near future, Staff will be working with the City Council to review the Council's roles and responsibilities during and after a disaster and to increase the Council's knowledge on how the City will operate when a disaster occurs.

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