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& Surrounding Areas



This is not an ad, just two of your neighbors on a quest to get our neighborhood organized into a community of informed and prepared citizens ready for any disaster that could befall us.

We are members of **CERT - Community Emergency Response Team**. CERT members are trained in *basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations*. However, two neighbors cannot take care of the entire neighborhood. We are hoping that you or someone in your family will also take the 20 hour course so you too will know what to do in an emergency and become part of the CERT team. You will learn how to prepare for emergencies, what supplies you should NOW have in your house, how much food, how much water but most importantly, how to protect your family in an emergency!

Here is something you should know... If a major disaster occurs, the LAFD, paramedics, police...**WILL NOT COME!** They will be deployed **FIRST** to the highest population centers such as major high-rise buildings, schools, hospitals that have hundreds of occupants. That is why they keep telling us...**You MUST** be prepared to take care of yourself. In the CERT course, they say...

“The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number of Victims.”

So if you are *trained*, you are far more equipped to deal with your circumstances without needing aid from outside sources.

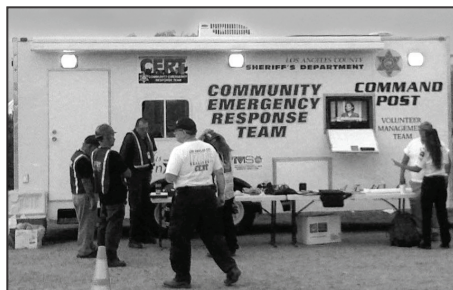
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NEWSLETTER!

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We'll keep you informed on everything going on in the neighborhood. We welcome your input! Have an article... send it to us.

If a major earthquake hits, do you ...

- have enough supplies for 72 hours to an entire month for all family members, including pets?
- know how to turn off the gas?
- know how to safely turn off the power?
- know how to apply first aid?
- have enough water for all of your family and your pets?
- have provisions for living outside your home for a length of time if the structure is compromised?



This was a CERT call-out to assist during the Station Fire. CERT has its own mobile unit (yes, even a TV.) It was hot & smokey, but we felt great being of help at such an awful time. We directed traffic, gave directions, and patrolled the Fire Fighting Staging Area at Hansen Dam.

What's on the sunvalleyhills.org Website?

- Emergency Info
- Emergency Resources
- CERT Info & FAQ
- Community Services
- Community Officials
- Crisis Phone Numbers
- All kinds of FREE pamphlets & how-to instructions to download!
- Fire Safety
- Pets
- Forums/ Discussions

Free Emergency Preparedness Booklet

Go to sunvalleyhills.org and click on the button:

“Download the Emergency Preparedness Booklet by the Los Angeles Fire Department.”

This is well worth your time and has critical information for you and your family's survival in an emergency.

CERT CLASSES

CERT classes are given by the Los Angeles Fire Dept. We can have our own CERT class if 25 or more people sign-up. E-mail us if you are interested and we will look into forming a Sun Valley Hills CERT class. If we can't get enough people at one time, please still sign up for the classes:

cert-la.com/classmaps/index.htm

CERT is part of Homeland Security & FEMA.

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If you are already a member of CERT, fantastic! We are, of course, trying to find out where existing CERT members are in this area. If you are certified & wish to join our effort, send us an email at the above address. Sun Valley Hills (i.e. north of Glenoaks) is in Battalion 12. We need to support our area's CERT team.



Emergency Information

Go to sunvalleyhills.org and click on: "Emergency Information" or "Emergency Resources"

Feature Article

Dogs & Cats

Coyotes and Bobcats have recently been seen in this area. It is advisable to keep all pets indoors especially if one of these wild animals can access your back yard. A Bobcat can easily take down a house cat or a small dog. Coyotes have regularly gotten "out-door" cats and small dogs. Remember they were here first and this is their home.



A Bobcat is about twice the size of a house cat.

- Dog owners who tie up their animals for long periods of time or deny them the proper level of water and shade face stiff financial penalties.
- You cannot allow your dog to bother your neighbors with excessive barking. Failure to control barking that unreasonably interferes with your neighbors could lead to the imposition of strict conditions by LA Animal Services, or eventually you could lose

your dog and lose the right to own a dog for one year.

- If you breed your animal, whether on purpose or by accident, you must obtain a breeding permit, which costs \$100.
- It is illegal to allow your dog to assault, menace or threaten another person or animal. Failure to control your dog could result in losing your dog and your right to own a dog for three years.
- If you take or allow your dog off your property or place of residence, you must have him or her on a leash. Failure to do so could result in a stiff fine. There are a number of dog parks in the City where it is legal to let your dog off-leash, but no beaches at present.
- All dogs residing in the City must be licensed. A license for a spayed or neutered dog costs \$15 per year, while a license for an unaltered dog costs \$100 per year. Contact LA Animal Services for information about the City's free and subsidized spay and neutering services and vouchers.

Read more at:

SunValleyHills.org/pets.html



Dog owners are required to clean up after their dogs when taking them out in public. Failure to do so could lead to stiff fines. Bring a bag when you take your dog for a walk!

So many abandoned dogs & cats need homes. Please consider adopting/rescuing. Any breed you want probably has its own rescue group. Just do an internet search!

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911 Fire, Police, Paramedic

Citywide Services Directory 311

Police- non-emergency:
1-877-275-5273

Fire- non-emergency:
1-213-485-6185

Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

Arson Hotline 1-800-633-2836

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
1-800-800-3855

Federal Bureau of Investigation
-FBI (Los Angeles):
1-310-477-6565

Missing, Abused & Exploited
Children 1-888-818-4673

California Missing Children's
Hotline 1-800-843-5200

Child Protection Hotline:
1-800-540-4000

Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-978-3600

Elder Abuse Hotline:
1-877-477-3646

L.A. Rape and Battering Hotline
1-213-6263393

National Crisis Hotline
1-800-SUICIDE or
1-800-784-2433

National Runaway Switchboard
1-800-786-2929

National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline 1-800-273-8255