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L.A. COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA CITIES, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES PREPARE FOR THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT

LOS ANGELES (Wed., October 16, 2013) – There is less than 24 hours before the world's largest earthquake disaster preparedness drill will take place as The Great California ShakeOut is scheduled to be held at various locations throughout the Los Angeles County Operational Area (LACOA) at 10:17 a.m. on Thu., Oct. 17.

A record number of more than 9.4 million Californians have pre-registered online at <http://shakeout.org> for this year's "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill including over 120 LACOA departments and agencies from Los Angeles County, cities, law, courts, fire, utilities, water and sanitation districts, airports, ports, senior centers, schools, libraries, rail authority, various commissions, and public safety committees. The following is a brief list of the 2013 Great California ShakeOut events and activities being held in the LACOA:

City of La Mirada Community Disaster Exercise & Great California ShakeOut Drill
13716 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA 90638
(On-Site Contact: Andrew Vialpando, on duty PIO, City of La Mirada, 562-902-2982
and/or e-mail him at avialpando@cityoflamirada.org)

The La Mirada Disaster Preparedness Steering Committee, an emergency preparedness network comprised of representatives from City of La Mirada, Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments, American Red Cross, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, community organizations and local businesses, is scheduled to host its Community Disaster Exercise in conjunction with The Great California ShakeOut earthquake preparedness drill, Thu., Oct. 17, 2013 (9-11 a.m.). The exercise is being held in two locations: City of La Mirada Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and La Mirada Landmark. Also, the La Mirada exercise will feature moulage victims that will be positioned in various locations where the exercise is taking place (make-up sessions begin at 7 a.m.); Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), HAM Radio operators, Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments will also be participating in the exercise; and there will be a simulated activation of the City of La Mirada's EOC.

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**State of California for County of Los Angeles Superior Court Great California
ShakeOut and Evacuation Drills at 38 courthouse buildings (open to the media)**

(Contact: Mary Hearn, Public Information Director – 213-974-5123 – Media Line or
e-mail her at mhearn@lasuperiorcourt.org)

The State of California for the County of Los Angeles Superior Court will be participating in The Great California ShakeOut as well as conducting evacuation drills at the 38 courthouse buildings located in the Los Angeles County Operational Area.

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**California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and Walmart
Great California ShakeOut Preparedness Expo
19503 Normandie Ave., Torrance, CA 95655**

(On-Site Contacts: Laura Newquist, Cal OES PIO, 916-508-5648 – Cellular
and Chelsea Levy Ketchum for Walmart, 310-295-3315)

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Walmart with support from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Community and Senior Services (CSS), American Red Cross, and Ready America will be partnering at the Torrance Walmart to educate individuals, families, and persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs about disaster preparedness and the protective measures they need to follow during an earthquake. Nearly 300 Walmart stores located in the states of Alaska, California, and Hawaii are participating in the Great ShakeOut "Drop, Cover and Hold On" earthquake preparedness drill, Thu., Oct. 17, 2013.

Scheduled to be on display at the Torrance Walmart parking lot area will be a Cal OES fire engine, Los Angeles County CSS Adult Protective Services Information Assistance van, and Los Angeles County Operational Area Alternate Emergency Operations Center vehicle. Also, Ready America is providing 50 preparedness kits and will demonstrate how to use them.

For a complete listing of 2013 Great California ShakeOut events, please access <http://shakeout.org>, and for additional information on how to prepare for disasters, please go to OEM website at <http://lacoa.org> and/or Emergency Survival Program website at <http://espfocus.org>. To register online for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program, please go to <https://snap.lacounty.gov> or <http://lacounty.gov>.

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