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Greetings from the Office of the Fire Chief,

The Long Beach Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is proud to announce the **2nd Annual READY Long Beach Community Preparedness Expo**. Please join the Long Beach Fire Department, the City of Long Beach and other partners as we come together and support this important community-wide event. **READY Long Beach 2015** will take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at Heartwell Park, 5801 E. Parkcrest Street, Long Beach, CA.**

There are two purposes for **READY Long Beach**: to (1) promote a “whole community” approach to emergency preparedness and readiness through education and hands-on, interactive demonstrations, and (2) raise funds for Long Beach CERT.

Why should you attend? Disasters know no boundaries...they are the great equalizer! Organizations, businesses, faith-based groups, neighborhoods, and residents must rally and support each other during these events. **READY Long Beach** creates an environment that builds these relationships and provides families the opportunity enjoy a free, family-friendly, fun day while also learning how to take care of themselves at home and at work.

Funds raised through sponsorships and vendor fees will go directly toward increasing the safety and well-being of our community by providing outreach, training, and supplies for those who live and work in our city. Your support will enable our city to take action now, before the disaster, to prepare our residents and assist them during response and recovery. It is about empowering Long Beach!

Attached is a packet of information regarding **READY Long Beach 2015** that includes a variety of ways that you and/or your organization can participate. Long Beach CERT expects a large crowd, so don't be left out! Please take a look at the packet and decide how you would like to **join me on September 19 at READY Long Beach 2015.**

Sincerely,

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