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### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACTION STEP DURING ITS 2016 SPRING PREPAREATHON!**

Los Angeles County has experienced a few small earthquakes this week that serve as a reminder that it is important to take time to plan what to do in an emergency before it happens.

For the second consecutive year, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Los Angeles County Operational Area including County departments, cities, unincorporated area communities, private corporations and media have teamed up with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to host emergency preparedness expos, fairs, seminars, and trainings throughout the County as part of the 2016 Spring Los Angeles County's PrepareAthon! (PA) campaign.

"The Los Angeles County's PrepareAthon! is a grass roots campaign that encourages residents and business to take at least one disaster preparedness action step," said Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management Director Jeff L. Reeb. "There are four key steps to being disaster ready – have a plan, keep supplies, stay informed and get involved. More specific examples include signing-up for Alert LA County, which is an emergency notification system, downloading weather apps to your mobile devices, and packing a "go bag" to evacuate your home or workplace quickly." More specific information is available in the County's Emergency Survival Guide, a free publication that can be downloaded in 13 languages at [espfocus.org](http://espfocus.org) or ordered by dialing 2-1-1.

Los Angeles County OEM will be coordinating, co-hosting and participating in 14 PA events and activities scheduled from April through June. For a list of 2016 Spring Los Angeles County's PrepareAthon! events, please go to [lacoa.org](http://lacoa.org). To receive the latest information, follow OEM on Twitter @LACOOEM and Facebook.com/LACO-OEM.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>.

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## 2016 Spring Los Angeles County's PrepareAthon! Schedule of Events and Activities (as of 4-8-16)

- **Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (9:30-10:30 a.m.):** Braille Institute of America Outreach Program and OEM Earthquake Preparedness Month in Los Angeles County and Disaster Preparedness seminar at **Joslyn Adult Center 1301 West Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91506**. Free low vision wellness classes for those interested in learning to live high quality lives as their vision fades. It is also for those professionals and family members wanting to learn to assist others. (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Thursday, April 14, 2016 (12:30-1:30 p.m.):** Braille Institute of America Outreach Program and OEM Earthquake Preparedness Month in Los Angeles County and Disaster Preparedness seminar to be held at **Pasadena Senior Center 85 East Holly Street, Pasadena, CA 91103**. Free low vision wellness classes for those interested in learning to live high quality lives as their vision fades. It is also for those professionals and family members wanting to learn to assist others. (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, April 16, 2016 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)** Pet First Aid Basics Training class to be held at **SOS Survival Products C. Denise Edwards Training Center 15705 Strathern Street, Suite #11, Van Nuys, CA 91406**. There is a \$40.00 fee for this training class. For more information, contact SOS Survival Products at (800) 479-7998 or visit <http://www.sosproducts.com>.
- **Saturday, April 16, 2016 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.):** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual KHTS 1220 AM Home Garden and Emergency Expo to be held at **Central Park, 27150 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350**. For more information, please visit <http://www.santaclaritahomeandgardenshow.com>. (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, April 16, 2016 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.):** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 2016 Daily News Successful Aging Through the Generations Expo to be held at **Sportsmen's Lodge Event Center 12833 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City, CA 91604**. For more information, please go to <http://www.dailynews.com>. (This event is free, open to the public and media).

- **Saturday, April 16, 2016 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.):** Healthy Pet Expo co-hosted by Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health, Animal Care and Control and Parks and Recreation to be held at **Whittier Narrows Regional Park Meadows Picnic Area 750 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733**. A reminder, dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers. For spay and neutering, prior reservation is required, please e-mail [PetExpo@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:PetExpo@ph.lacounty.gov) to pre-book. For more information and details on Public Health Week events, visit <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phweek>.
- **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.):** Training: Business Industry Council on Emergency Planning and Preparedness (BICEPP) is hosting the Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery to be held at **City of Los Angeles Emergency Operations Center 500 E. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012**. Registration is required. For more information, contact Ross Kocen at 805-279-5221 or e-mail at [Ross@first-on-scene.com](mailto:Ross@first-on-scene.com).
- **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.):** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Are You Ready? Emergency Preparedness Expo to be held at **San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center 75 Rancho Camino Drive, Pomona, CA 91766**. For more information, contact Carol Tomblin at 909-868-7521 or e-mail at [ctomblin@sqprc.com](mailto:ctomblin@sqprc.com). (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, April 23, 2016 (8 a.m.-12 p.m.)** Wilderness Navigation (Map and Compass) training class to be held at **SOS Survival Products C. Denise Edwards Training Center 15705 Strathern Street, Suite #11, Van Nuys, CA 91406**. There is a \$40.00 fee for this training class. For more information, contact SOS Survival Products at (800) 479-7998 or visit <http://www.sosproducts.com>.
- **Tuesday, April 26, 2016 (8 a.m.-1 p.m.):** Business & Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness (BICEPP) Wilderness Survival Skills Workshop to be held at **City of Burbank Fire Department Training Center, 1845 North Ontario Street, Burbank, CA 91505**. For more information contact [info@bicepp.com](mailto:info@bicepp.com) or call 818-445-4060.
- **Thursday, April 28, 2016 (10 a.m.-12 noon):** Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services and Office of Emergency Management Disaster and Earthquake Preparedness Seminar to be held at **County of Los Angeles Centro Maravilla Service Center 4716 Cesar Chavez Avenue, East Los Angeles, CA 90022**. (This event is free, open to the public and media).

- **Saturday, April 30, 2016 (8-11 a.m.):** City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department and United Neighborhoods Council Five Steps PrepareAthon! Neighborhood Full-Scale Exercise to be held at **Historic West Adams area, South Los Angeles** and Public Safety Fair at **Benny H. Potter Park 2413 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018** (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). Press conference scheduled at 10 a.m. (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, April 30, 2016 (11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)** Pet First Aid Basics Training class to be held at **SOS Survival Products C. Denise Edwards Training Center 15705 Strathern Street, Suite #11, Van Nuys, CA 91406**. (This training class is free, open to the public and media). For more information, contact SOS Survival Products at (800) 479-7998 or visit <http://www.sosproducts.com>.
- **Saturday, April 30, 2016 (2-7 p.m.):** 2016 Spring America's PrepareAthon! Children's Day in Los Angeles County to be held at **Plaza Mexico 3100 West Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA 90262**. (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, May 7, 2016 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.):** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 2016 Daily Breeze Successful Aging Through the Generations Expo to be held at **Torrance Marriott 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503**. For more information, please go to <http://www.dailynews.com>. (This event is free, open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, May 7, 2016 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.):** Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (T-CEP) Emergency Preparedness Fair to be held at **Topanga Elementary Charter School, 22075 Topanga School Road, Topanga, CA 90290**. (This event is open to the public and media).
- **Saturday, May 28, 2016 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.):** Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presents 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Veterans and their Families to be held at **Arcadia County Park 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006**. A Memorial Day Tribute is scheduled to take place at 11 a.m. (This event is open to the public and media).

**Note:** Schedule dates and/or times may be subject to change

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