



MEDIA ADVISORY

San Francisco Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Program

A Virtual Disaster Response Drill recognizing the anniversary of the 1906 Earthquake

WHAT: NERT volunteers will virtually "Drill" for disaster response. Accompanied by SFFD Instructors, volunteers will practice and review some of the various skills from their initial training, such as field team operations, triaging injured victims, other essential disaster response skills

WHEN: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time: 9:00 Welcome and remarks from Chief of Department

9:30 Tsunami training by Yvette LaDuke, Seismic Hazards Branch, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

10:00-12:00 Break-out rooms for various disaster response skills

WHERE:

Virtual. Email sffd.nert.drill@gmail.com to request a sign-in link and add your name to the approved list.

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About NERT

The San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is a disaster preparedness organization sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD). The program offers free, basic, and advanced preparedness training to those who live and work in San Francisco. Our program provides general personal preparedness education throughout the year and includes sessions taught in Spanish and Cantonese.

The goal of the NERT program is to provide an organizing framework for neighborhood teams in the city. Teams gather after a disaster to survey their neighborhoods, provide information to the SFFD, conduct light search and rescue, medical triage, and help transport victims to medical treatment facilities. Following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, San Francisco residents organized with the Fire Department to improve citywide disaster response.

In NERT's 30-year history, approximately 30,762 civilians have been trained valuable skills to assist the San Francisco Fire Department after a major disaster by taking care of themselves, their families, and their neighbors. NERT has held annual Citywide drills since 1992.

More information can be found on the NERT website, www.sfgov.org/sfnert, or by calling 415-970-2022. Video about the NERT program: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRxWEx7-J3I&feature=youtu.be>

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To sign up for the next NERT training (Location and Dates TBD):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/sffd-neighborhood-emergency-response-team-nert-1635186740>

Below see NERTs' in action and assisting the City's COVID-19 Response

