



MEDIA ADVISORY

San Francisco Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Program Turns 30 Years Old

A Virtual Celebration and Disaster Response Drill

WHAT:

Members of the public are invited to join us virtually for the "Celebration" portion of this event. The theme – *A look to the past, a nod to the present, and our dreams for our future* – will feature congratulatory messages from various VIP's and NERT volunteers, as well as a montage of photos from NERT's archives.

NERT volunteers will then continue virtually for the "Drill" portion of this event. Accompanied by SFFD NERT Instructors, NERT volunteers will practice and review some of the various skills from their initial training, such as search and rescue techniques, triaging injured victims, and other essential disaster response skills. The "Drill" portion of this event is generously hosted by San Francisco's St. Ignatius College Preparatory.

WHEN:

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. — NERT's 30th Anniversary Celebration Show (Open to the public)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — NERT's annual citywide drill for its members (Members only who RSVP)

WHERE:

The media and interested public members are encouraged to join us virtually from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Celebration portion on our public Facebook page.

NOTE: You do NOT need to be a member of Facebook to view this event.

Where to watch the Show: <https://www.facebook.com/sffd.nert>

WHO:

San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team graduates, SFFD personnel, and interested members of the public.

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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>

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