

QuakeSmart Workshop Held in Southern CA, Six More Set for 2018

Business, nonprofit, and emergency management organizations came together on May 30 in Santa Clarita, CA for a [QuakeSmart Preparedness Workshop](#) sponsored by Legacy Partner FEMA, FLASH, and the City of Santa Clarita.

Mike Rimoldi presented an overview of the *QuakeSmart Toolkit* while speakers from One Concern, City of Santa Clarita, LA County Fire Department, Pearce Global Partners, Safe-T-Proof Earthquake Fasteners, and Legacy Partner Simpson Strong-Tie offered protocols that can reduce damage costs, save lives, and help communities recover more quickly following seismic disasters.

“The *QuakeSmart* program is such a valuable resource to business owners to help set them on the path of being prepared to minimize disruptions to their business after the next big earthquake,” said Annie Kao, P.E., Senior Field Engineer Simpson Strong-Tie. “Simpson Strong-Tie is proud to support the great education and outreach being done to help folks build safer and stronger communities.”

FEMA and FLASH will present six more free workshops this year for representatives from businesses, cities, counties, corporations, organizations, private sector partners, tribal governments, and others looking to prepare for earthquakes. The dates and locations are:

- July 31 & August 2 - Puerto Rico (Two locations)
- September 19 - Golden, CO
- October 2 - Jackson, WY
- October 11 - Benton, AR
- October 18 - Albuquerque, NM

Ready Business QuakeSmart workshops are free, but advance registration is required. For more information about these valuable workshops, visit flash.org/readybusiness or email info@flash.org.