

VALLEY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TEAM

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Mission Hills • North Hills East
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Sunland-Tujunga • Sylmar

REGION 2

Chatsworth • Granada Hills North
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North Hills West • Northridge East
Northridge South • Northridge West
Porter Ranch

REGION 3

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Lake Balboa • Reseda
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Woodland Hills-Warner Center

REGION 4

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North Hollywood Northeast
North Hollywood West
Sherman Oaks • Valley Village
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REGION 5

Central Hollywood
Hollywood Hills West
Hollywood Studio

REGION 7

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12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair

Major fires broke out in the Valley on Thursday, causing significant freeway and road closures, mass evacuations, destruction and damage of homes and other structures, school and business closures. On Friday, our exceptional and dedicated team of volunteers braved the wind and particulates to prepare our spot in the Pacific Theaters parking lot for Saturday's **12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair**.

With last-minute adjustments and modifications, the Fair adapted and opened as planned and in spite of the extraordinary conditions facing the Valley and beyond. We applaud the first responders and emergency crews for their amazing response to the fires! With all the uncertainty and anxiety, the Fair provided some normalcy to the community. Exhibitors universally reported that attendees were very engaged and asking critical questions. We trust that the Speaker Series, exhibitors, demonstrations, trainings, and **Family Emergency Preparedness (EP) Starter Kits** encourage more personal and neighborhood preparation for the next major disaster. The extreme fires remind us that emergency response personnel simply cannot be everywhere every time, and that we need to prepare ourselves and our neighborhoods to be more self-sufficient and responsive. Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class, a first aid/CPR course, and host a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) or Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) session.

Thank you to the **Valley Disaster Preparedness Team** which contributed countless hours of volunteer time, expertise, energy, dedication, and knowledge. Thank you to **New Horizons** and their clients, and the many **adults, students, and youth organizations** for their enthusiastic assistance preparing **1,950+ Family EP Starter Kits** for distribution to registered families at the Fair, and to **Brookfield Properties/General Growth Properties, Inc.** and the **Northridge Fashion Center** which again graciously hosted the Fair in the Pacific Theaters parking lot. Thank you to the many Los Angeles City **Neighborhood Councils** for their participation and support.

Major contributors to this year's Preparedness Fair include Supervisor Fifth District **Kathryn Barger**, Twelfth District Councilmember **John Lee**, **SOS Survival Products, Inc.**, with special assistance from the **Patriot Oil Community Benefit Trust Fund** (administered by the North Valley Coalition).

Everyone on our Team has my sincere thanks for a superb job well done under difficult circumstances. I especially appreciate the following Team members for their "above and beyond" support: **Joni Diamond**, **Michelle Dornfest**, **Maggie Elliot**, **Gary Kay**, and **Vaune Kirby**. And the amazing **Sea Scout Cadets (Betsy Ross Div.)** who jumped into the fray on Saturday to handle our Registration and Check-in. Yeah!

LAPD Chief Michel Moore, a scheduled Speaker, was able to brief us on the status of the fires, closed roads, evacuation orders, and to answer some questions.

Please send me your links to any 2019 Fair video or photos you post to publicly accessible areas (would not require a password or account to view) on the Web for inclusion on www.ValleyDisasterFair.com.

I look forward to hearing of your Fair experience. Please send comments to Info@ValleyDisasterFair.com.

See you at next year's **13th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair** at the Northridge Fashion Center's Pacific Theaters parking lot. Expected date is **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, that is **10/10/20**.

Sincerely,

Bill Hopkins

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