April is National Earthquake Preparedness Month and the District encourages all employees and students to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, workplace, and communities.

How prepared are you, really? Below are some highlights, tips, and resources that summarize important information you can use to protect yourself, your family, and your property. Preparing is a responsibility we all share, let’s do our part.

1. Identify Your Risk: What are the hazards where you live or work? Find out what hazards pose a risk for you.

2. Create a Family Disaster Plan: Your family needs a plan that tells everyone where to meet if you have to evacuate.

3. Practice Your Disaster Plan: Know how to respond in the event of any disaster, whether you remain indoors or evacuate your neighborhood by car.

4. Build a Disaster Supply Kit: If you are stranded in your car or have to be self-sufficient for an extended period of time until help arrives, you need to have a disaster kit with you.

5. Prepare Your Children: Talk to your kids about what the risks are and what your family will do if disaster strikes.

6. Don’t Forget Those with Special Needs: Infants, seniors, and those with functional needs must not be forgotten. Make sure that you have sufficient supplies to accommodate their needs.

7. Learn CPR and First Aid: Contact SBVC Admin. Services X8985, CHC Admin. Services X3211 or District Environmental Health & Safety X4070 for more information on upcoming CPR/AED courses.

8. Eliminate Hazards In The Home/Workplace: You must secure the contents of your home or office to reduce hazards, especially during shaking from an earthquake or from an explosion.

9. Understand Post—9/11 Risks: Disaster Preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do is an important part of being prepared and could make the difference when seconds count.

10. Get Involved, Volunteer: Donate blood, contact District EH&S X4070 about free campus Community Emergency Response Training or volunteer with your American Red Cross.

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Have Safety Related Questions?

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REPORT SAFETY HAZARDS
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http://www.sbccd.org/
District Faculty,-e,-
Staff Information-Forms/
Environmental Health and Safety/
Forms/

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 2013

- SBVC Safety Committee: 05/06/13, Monday, AD/SS 207, 3PM-4:30PM
- CHC Safety Committee: 05/13/13, Monday, LADM 161, 1PM-2PM
- District-Wide Safety Committee: 05/10/13, Friday, PDC 104, 1:30PM-3PM
- District Sites Safety Committee: 05/17/13, Friday, SBCCD Conference Room 2, 2PM-3PM
Crafton Hills College—New Bloodborne Pathogen Program

Crafton Hills College has a new Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Program (BBP). This program was developed to promote safe work practices for employees in an effort to reduce occupational exposure, including but not limited to Hepatitis Viruses B and C (HBV and HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) via potentially contaminated blood and other bodily fluids (blood borne pathogens) as outlined in the California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 8, Section 5193.

In addition to protecting College employees from the health hazards associated with blood borne pathogens, the BBP identifies provisions for the appropriate treatment and counseling of any employee who may become exposed during the course of the work. The College encourages its employees to use safe work practices including but are not limited to the following:

- Being responsible in following safe work practices to minimize exposure to blood borne pathogens.
- Never underestimating the risk of exposure to blood borne pathogens.

All Crafton Hills College employees, District Police, Human Resources and select District Administration staff have been assigned to review and acknowledge receipt of the program through Keenan Safe Colleges to be completed by no later than June 30th, 2013. For log in instructions to complete the program review by the assigned June 30th deadline, please log on to Keenan Safe College Log In Instructions Classified Employee’s or Managers/Administrators.

Keenan now has added a “self registration” feature to Keenan Safe Colleges. What does this mean exactly? Well, now it means you don’t have to be a full-time employee with the District to take advantage of online training. Now you can simply “self register” and take advantage of all of the training that a full-time District employee can, this includes, part-time staff, adjunct faculty, contracted employee’s and even students or student workers.

The process is secure and it’s simple, just log on to the instructions link below and start taking advantage of online training for free, you will even receive a certificate of completion after your training is completed.

- San Bernardino Community College District/SBVC/CHC—Instructions for Keenan Safe Colleges Online Safety Training

For additional questions on the Keenan Safe Colleges, “self registration” process, contact one of the below individuals for assistance.

- Amalia Perez, Human Resources, X4047, aperez@sbccd.cc.ca.us
- Whitney Fields, District Environmental Health & Safety X4070, wfields@sbccd.cc.ca.us
- Nicole Fiorenza, Keenan & Associates, (951) 715-0190, nfiorenza@Keenan.com

New Online Courses - 2013 KEENAN SAFE COLLEGES Course Library Update

Keenan Safe Colleges has now added new courses to the 2013 roster of online safety training. Log in at http://sbccd.keenan.safecolleges.com/ and take advantage of the new training courses. These new courses will provide a continued additional resource to promote a safe and healthy work environment. You can also contact District, Environmental Health & Safety at X4070 or email: wfields@sbccd.cc.ca.us and find out about live safety or emergency preparedness training for your department/division, if you have a group of five (5) or more.

Take one of these new exiting courses today!

- Safety Data Sheets * Electric Safety * Food Service Equipment * Reasonable Suspicion: Drug/Alcohol
- Asbestos Awareness * Suicide Awareness * Child Abuse * Van Safety *
Did you know that all public employees are disaster service workers? This includes all persons employed by any county, city, state agency or public district. Your scope of duties as a disaster service worker may include assisting any unit of the organization or performing any act contributing to the protection of life or property or mitigating the effects of an emergency.

Public employees may be assigned disaster service activities by their supervisors by law to assist the organization in carrying out its responsibilities during times of disaster. Before entering upon the duties of employment, all public employees take and subscribe to the oath or a writing affirmation set forth in the California Constitution that declares them to be disaster service workers in the time of need. District employees sign the oath or affirmation during the hiring process and it is kept in the employee’s personnel file in Human Resources.

As a disaster service worker, you cannot be held liable for actions during a disaster while acting within the scope of your responsibilities and level of training. For more information, please visit the following websites:

- California Emergency Services Act
- California Government Code 3100-3109
- The California Constitution Oath or Affirmation
- Video: CA Public Employee Disaster Service Worker: Public Employees Roll Up Their Sleeves

The Building Captains at San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College and the District play a pivotal role in ensuring that our buildings are safely evacuated following an emergency, which may include a fire or earthquake. Our Building Captains volunteer for these duties and we appreciate and applaud their efforts while performing this very important duty. Please take some time and thank your Building Captain for performing their duties and attending training at least twice a year with campus Administrative Services, District College Police and Environmental Health & Safety.

Building Captain training is conducted every Fall and Spring by the campus Administrative Services departments, District, Environmental Health & Safety and District College Police. For more information on how to become a Building Captain, contact Whitney Fields with SBCCD, Environmental Health & Safety at X4070 or email: wfields@sbccd.cc.ca.us.

In house campus Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training has arrived! District Police, Environmental Health & Safety and key faculty and administrators at Crafton Hills College have worked diligently to bring CERT training to the District. The first CERT class will be held the month of June, this summer and preparations are underway. Want to make a difference on campus or your neighborhood community? Then CERT training is for you.

What is Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

RSVP now, we only have 50 slots open. Email Sgt. Chris Tamayo with SBCCD, College Police at ctamayo@sbccd.cc.ca.us or Whitney Fields with District EH&S at wfields@sbccd.cc.ca.us to secure a slot for this summer.