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Beverly Hills Joins National Preparedness Month Efforts

Community is encouraged to plan and prepare for emergencies

Beverly Hills, CA – The devastating fires sweeping across California are a reminder to all residents and businesses in the City of Beverly Hills to take action now to be prepared for emergencies. The City hopes to increase public awareness about the importance of planning for disasters as part of National Preparedness Month.

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide campaign held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. The goal is to raise public awareness and inspire a “call to action” by community members to take the necessary steps to protect the life, property and safety of themselves, family members, neighbors and co-workers.

To get the message out in Beverly Hills, the City will be providing information through banners, postcards, book displays, radio and TV messages, the City’s website and information booths at the City’s Farmers’ Market (September 13th) and Senior Health Fair (September 14th) at Roxbury Park.

To be adequately prepared for an emergency, residents are encouraged to be self-sufficient for 5-7 days. A major disaster could overwhelm emergency and city service resources, delaying attention to those in need for several days. To get ready:

- **Make A Kit**—Have a 7-day supply of nonperishable food and water on hand. Keep a First Aid Kit, battery powered flashlight and extra batteries available. Make sure you have cash, clothing, medications, personal hygiene, important documents and pet supplies in your kit.
- **Make A Plan**—Establish a plan for your family and make sure everyone knows what they should do, where to go or meet in case of emergency—and practice your plan! Know your children’s school evacuation plan. Out-of-state contact information should be shared with family members so messages can be relayed to loved ones if local communications are not available.
- **Be Informed**—Become a trained member of the City’s Citizen Corps to provide assistance during an emergency. Visit the City’s website at www.beverlyhills.org/preparedness for more information on life-saving steps to prepare for a disaster and to join the Citizen Corps.

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