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City of Oakland 12th Annual CORE Citywide Exercise

Oakland, CA — On Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9 a.m. to noon, the City of Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division will conduct its 12th Annual CORE Citywide Emergency Response Exercise.

Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) is among the first community preparedness public education programs in the nation, having been established in April 1990 following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

The Annual CORE Citywide Exercise provides an opportunity for Oakland residents to test their disaster preparedness skills and capabilities at a neighborhood level. As part of the exercise, a simulated major earthquake on the Hayward fault will provide over 500 individuals representing neighborhoods throughout Oakland with an opportunity to practice their skills in responding to a major earthquake or other significant disaster. Other exercise participants will include local amateur radio operators, Oakland Firefighters and other City of Oakland staff. Individuals who are not part of an organized CORE neighborhood group, and members of a CORE neighborhood group not participating in the 2017 Exercise, will have the opportunity to take part in a simulated neighborhood exercise at the Oakland Fire Department's Training Division at 250 Victory Court.

Schedule of the Day

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	First On Scene Stop the Bleed/Triage training
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Exercise simulation
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Exercise debriefing for simulation drill
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	CORE Neighborhood Exercise Debriefing

This year the CORE Program is partnering with the Alameda County Public Health Department to provide First on Scene "Stop the Bleed" training to exercise participants at the simulated neighborhood exercise at 250 Victory Court. The goal of the exercise will focus on "Stop the Bleed" a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives.

In addition, participants will be trained to understand triage, treatment, documentation, tracking and monitoring of victims from initial discovery until hand-off to professionals. They will be taught how to communicate effectively with neighborhood response teams and other nearby neighborhood groups as well as how to relay vital information via participating embedded Amateur Radio/GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) Operators in neighborhoods and at designated participating Fire Stations.

In addition to the Victory Court location, the citywide exercise will take place in neighborhoods throughout Oakland. Participants will include Oakland residents, Oakland Firefighters, City staff and other community members and volunteers.

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About CORE

CORE is a free emergency and disaster prevention, preparedness and response training program for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood until professional emergency personnel arrive. A major disaster will overwhelm first responders, leaving many community members on their own for the first 72 hours or longer after the emergency. Since its inception in 1990, the CORE program has provided free, community-based training to more than 30,000 residents. Oakland residents who are interested in signing up for free CORE training or who would like help forming CORE groups in their own neighborhoods can contact CORE at (510) 238-6351 or core@oaklandnet.com.

Exercise plans, exercise guides, individual participant activity lists and other educational and information resources are available for download from the CORE website at www.oaklandcore.com.

For more information contact Cathey Eide at (510) 238-6069 or ceide@oaklandnet.com.

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Editors' Note:

For an opportunity to see community members in action, reporters and camera crews should come to the Oakland Fire Department's Training Division, 250 Victory Court, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

