

In Response

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The Disaster Files

In honor of the 1906 Earthquake, San Franciscans have traditionally dedicated the month of April to Earthquake Preparedness. Complete with drills, exercises, commemorations and training for earthquake preparedness, April events are testimony to our reality in California and especially in the Bay Area (*on top of 11 known faultlines!*)

However, there are other hazards out there: winter storms, power outages, chemical releases and so forth and ***preparedness for one type of disaster is preparedness for all types of disasters.***

For these reasons, we would like to consider April as an '**All Hazards Preparedness Month**' - starting now!

Plan a drill, set up a training session and **work on your plan!**

SFCARD Emergency Preparedness Training Events



The Information Exchange:

What to do When Disaster Strikes: Immediate Response

If a disaster happened right now, would you know what to do? Do your staff and clients know what to do? Do you have a plan?

Learn the critical components of a response plan: shelter in place, evacuation, and critical communication plans.

Join **SFCARD** a **FREE** disaster preparedness seminar on **Thursday, March 6th** from 9-11am at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 214 Van Ness Avenue at Hayes to learn about these vital issues and more!

Visit our website for further information: www.sfcard.org

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Other Training Opportunities



CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING (CISM). Learn basic group crisis intervention skills on **Wednesday & Thursday March 12 & 13 2003** from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM at the St. Anthony Foundation, Poverello Rm., 121 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, CA. Cost is \$100. Check made payable to St. Anthony Foundation. Send to: Jan Ardell, 121 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, Ca. 94102

DO IT FOR LIFE AT CPR SATURDAY!!! Join the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter on **Saturday, March 15th** for **free** Adult CPR and choke saving & rescue breathing classes. Classes will be approximately four hours long and taught in English, Spanish and Cantonese. To register or for further information please call the following toll free numbers:

English: (888) 686.3600
Spanish: (888) 327.3311
Cantonese: (888) 522.5511

HAM CRAM LICENSING/ STUDY SESSION: **Saturday, March 29th** from **8:30am to 4:00pm** at 2300 Folsom Street at 19th Street. The cost of the class is \$10.00 and will train you and then administer the FCC license examination for the basic HAM license. For further information or to sign up email or call Bob Jacklevich at jacklevich@yahoo.com (put HCE3 in the subject line) on (415) 282.4195

NERT Drill Are you a NERT? Would you like to learn about NERT? Join the SFFD on **Saturday, April 26th** from **9am-12pm** for the annual Neighborhood Emergency Response Training at Civic Center Alioto Plaza. Visit the NERT website to learn more: www.sfgov.org/site/sfnert_index.asp

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What's Shaking - SFCARD News

SFCARD, working closely with the SF Mayor's Office of Emergency Services has decided to put together a **food conference** for November - planning starts next month so stay tuned!

The **Richmond District** of San Francisco has asked SFCARD to put design a four part disaster planning training for their community based organizations - the first course on mitigation will be in March with subsequent topics each month.

Our wonderful volunteer **Randall Homan** has designed a new logo and letterhead for SFCARD - we'll be ready with it soon so keep a look out!!

Need help with disaster preparedness? Contact SFCARD to set up an appointment for agency disaster preparedness training:

sanfranciscocard@yahoo.com or leave a message on (415) 558-2737

Your Ideas



Do you have suggestions/ideas/insight relating to vulnerable populations in a disaster that you would like to share with the rest of the SFCARD community? Email us sanfranciscocard@yahoo.com or leave a message on (415) 558-2737 and we'll post your suggestions here!