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Press Release
Police Department

Disaster Preparedness Expo

In an effort to help citizens of Torrance prepare for disasters, the City of Torrance Emergency Services Division invites the community to the City's Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, June 3, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Expo is free and will be held at the Torrance City Yard located at 20500 Madrona Avenue.

This event will be fun for the whole family. There will be vendors with displays selling disaster related supplies. Additionally, first responders from the community will be there addressing the City of Torrance's commitment to being prepared in the case of a major disaster or emergency. The Torrance Fire Department and Hazardous Materials teams will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice. Members of the Search and Rescue division of the Fire department will also be there, to share with their exciting experiences and effective rescue procedures. The Torrance Police Department will have their emergency equipment and personnel present along with displays for the community to view including display booths from the City's Animal Control Unit, SWAT and South Bay Platoon.

Free disaster preparedness informational kits will be given to all in attendance. There will be a free shuttle service to the event from the South Bay County Court House located at 825 Maple Avenue, where additional overflow parking is available.

"We want to make sure that all our residents are safe in times of emergencies," said Andrew Pachon, Emergency Services Coordinator for the City. "This event can assist families in working together to prepare for all types of disasters. The City hopes not only to prepare the community for a major disaster, but to demonstrate that the time to prepare is before the next major event not during."

For more information or questions regarding the Expo, contact the City of Torrance's Emergency Services Coordinator at (310) 618- 5725.