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South County Cities Team Up for Disaster Preparedness Exercise ***San Clemente CERT to participate in exercise***

May 21, 2014...San Clemente, CA...The San Clemente Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will participate in the annual south county training exercise hosted by San Juan Capistrano CERT for members on Saturday, May 31st in an effort to hone disaster response skills. The exercise will run from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CERT teams from San Clemente, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and Laguna Beach, as well as the Tri-Cities RACES communications team will participate in the exercise. In all, about 200 people are expected to participate.

Residents and visitors in San Juan Capistrano may see CERT members converging on the San Juan Capistrano City Hall in their signature green vests, hats and helmets and bearing equipment and supplies required of those responding to emergencies. CERT members will practice their skills in medical/first aid, small fire suppression, light search and rescue, logistics and communications.

San Clemente has hosted 8 CERT classes training and has over 120 CERT members; Laguna Beach just over 100 members; Dana Point 400 members; and, San Juan Capistrano over 600 members. Tri-Cities RACES has 45 certified radio operators in its group.

Residents interested in learning more about the CERT program should contact San Clemente CERT Coordinator and Emergency Planning Coordinator Katie Carpenter at (949) 361-6109, San Juan at (949) 234-4565, Dana Point at (949) 248-3579, and Laguna Beach at (949) 497-0356.

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