



MEMORANDUM

To: Public Safety Subcommittee
From: Zuzzette Bricker, Office of Emergency Management Program Manager
Date: November 13, 2018
Subject: October 2018 Office of Emergency Management Report

Mission: The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for minimizing the impact of natural and man-made disasters by establishing readiness through city-wide prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

Current Preparedness Level: SEMS is the system required by Government Code §8607 (a) for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies in California. SEMS provides for a multiple level emergency response organization and is intended to structure and facilitate the flow of emergency information and resources within and between the organizational levels.

Are You Ready to ShakeOut?

On October 2018 is the 10th Anniversary of ShakeOut, which began in southern California in 2008. The City of Moreno Valley will participate in the Great Shakeout.

With 2.4 million people living and working in the Riverside County, of which 208,000 + live and work in the City of Moreno Valley a major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine how well we survive and recover.

Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills in October 2017 involved more than 56.2 million participants through broad-based outreach programs, media partnerships, and public advocacy by hundreds of partners. The drill is held annually on the third Thursday of October. This year, the International ShakeOut Day will be at 10:18 a.m. on October 18.





A key aspect of the ShakeOut is the integration of comprehensive science-based earthquake research and the lessons learned from decades of social science research about why people get prepared. The result is a “teachable moment” on par with having an actual earthquake (often followed by increased interest in getting ready for earthquakes). ShakeOut creates the sense of urgency that is needed for people, organizations, and communities to get prepared, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what plans need to be improved.

At the minimum practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" at the specified time, which is 10/18 at 10:18 a.m. this year 62,700,294 participants were registered in 2018 Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills worldwide as of 11/14/2018. It is only a one-minute commitment for something that can save your life.