

# VALLEY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TEAM

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### REGION 1

Arleta • Foothill Trails District  
Mission Hills • North Hills East  
Pacoima • Panorama City  
Sunland-Tujunga • Sylmar

### REGION 2

Chatsworth • Granada Hills North  
Granada Hills South  
North Hills West • Northridge East  
Northridge South • Northridge West  
Porter Ranch

### REGION 3

Canoga Park • Encino  
Lake Balboa • Reseda  
Tarzana • West Hills • Winnetka  
Woodland Hills-Warner Center

### REGION 4

Greater Toluca Lake  
Greater Valley Glen • No Ho  
North Hollywood Northeast  
North Hollywood West  
Sherman Oaks • Valley Village  
Van Nuys

### REGION 5

Central Hollywood  
Hollywood Hills West  
Hollywood Studio

### REGION 7

Arroyo Seco • Silver Lake

### REGION 10

Empowerment Congress Central  
Empowerment Congress North  
United Neighborhoods

### REGION 11

Bel Air-Beverly Crest

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## 12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair

Major fires broke out in the Valley on Thursday, causing significant freeway and road closures, mass evacuations, destruction and damage of homes and other structures, school and business closures. On Friday, our exceptional and dedicated team of volunteers braved the wind and particulates to prepare our spot in the Pacific Theaters parking lot for Saturday's **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair**.

With last-minute adjustments and modifications, the Fair adapted and opened as planned and in spite of the extraordinary conditions facing the Valley and beyond. We applaud the first responders and emergency crews for their amazing response to the fires! With all the uncertainty and anxiety, the Fair provided some normalcy to the community. Exhibitors universally reported that attendees were very engaged and asking critical questions. We trust that the Speaker Series, exhibitors, demonstrations, trainings, and **Family Emergency Preparedness (EP) Starter Kits** encourage more personal and neighborhood preparation for the next major disaster. The extreme fires remind us that emergency response personnel simply cannot be everywhere every time, and that we need to prepare ourselves and our neighborhoods to be more self-sufficient and responsive. Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class, a first aid/CPR course, and host a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) or Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) session.

Thank you to the **Valley Disaster Preparedness Team** which contributed countless hours of volunteer time, expertise, energy, dedication, and knowledge. Thank you to **New Horizons** and their clients, and the many **adults, students, and youth organizations** for their enthusiastic assistance preparing **1,950+ Family EP Starter Kits** for distribution to registered families at the Fair, and to **Brookfield Properties/General Growth Properties, Inc.** and the **Northridge Fashion Center** which again graciously hosted the Fair in the Pacific Theaters parking lot. Thank you to the many Los Angeles City **Neighborhood Councils** for their participation and support.

Major contributors to this year's Preparedness Fair include Supervisor Fifth District **Kathryn Barger**, Twelfth District Councilmember **John Lee**, **SOS Survival Products, Inc.**, with special assistance from the **Patriot Oil Community Benefit Trust Fund** (administered by the North Valley Coalition).

Everyone on our Team has my sincere thanks for a superb job well done under difficult circumstances. I especially appreciate the following Team members for their "above and beyond" support: **Joni Diamond**, **Michelle Dornfest**, **Maggie Elliot**, **Gary Kay**, and **Vaune Kirby**. And the amazing **Sea Scout Cadets (Betsy Ross Div.)** who jumped into the fray on Saturday to handle our Registration and Check-in. Yeah!

**LAPD Chief Michel Moore**, a scheduled Speaker, was able to brief us on the status of the fires, closed roads, evacuation orders, and to answer some questions.

Please send me your links to any 2019 Fair video or photos you post to publicly accessible areas (would not require a password or account to view) on the Web for inclusion on [www.ValleyDisasterFair.com](http://www.ValleyDisasterFair.com).

I look forward to hearing of your Fair experience. Please send comments to [Info@ValleyDisasterFair.com](mailto:Info@ValleyDisasterFair.com).

See you at next year's **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair** at the Northridge Fashion Center's Pacific Theaters parking lot. Expected date is **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, that is **10/10/20**.

Sincerely,

*Bill Hopkins*

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