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“DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP”

**County of Los Angeles prepares seniors and individuals with disabilities, access and functional needs
 For Emergencies and Disasters**

LOS ANGELES (September 22, 2011)— The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by proclaiming the month of September as “National Preparedness Month.” Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services (CSS) will celebrate this occasion by hosting emergency disaster educational programs throughout the County of Los Angeles at its Community and Senior Centers.

On September 22, the **Kick-off Disaster Preparedness Workshop** will be held at the CSS East Rancho Dominguez Community Service Center, 4513 E. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90221, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

“Seniors and people with disabilities, access and functional needs, are the target audience for the educational workshops,” said Cynthia Banks, Director of CSS. “CSS will host workshops, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, beginning in September up to the **2011 Great California ShakeOut**, which occurs on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 10:20 a.m.”

The Workshops are designed to help the participants prepare for disasters and learn about resources and disaster preparedness services offered by Los Angeles County and local first responders.

Confirmed speakers include Jeanne O’Donnell, Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Special Needs Awareness Planning (SNAP); John Cvjetkovic, Manager, Department of Public Social Services, Office of Emergency Management; Dennis Lord, Southern California Gas Company and David Ford, Southern California Edison Company. Seniors will have an opportunity to registry in the SNAP program after the workshop and will receive Emergency kits.

For more information about the East Rancho Dominguez Workshop and subsequent CSS Disaster Preparedness Workshops, contact Ellie Wolfe, Emergency Manager, Community and Senior Services, at (213) 738-2681 or ewolfe@css.lacounty.gov

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