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Annual NERT City-wide Drill

Saturday, April 19, 2008 9am-1pm Everett Middle School 450 Church Street @ 17th Street

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This year the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team's Annual Drill will focus on establishing Neighborhood Command, performing Neighborhood Assessments and Rescue Skills, as well as Communications in a post-disaster scenario. Chief Joanne Hayes-White scheduled to attend. Contact Lt. Erica Arteseros for more information.

Since the 1989 Earthquake, over 17,000 people have gone through the San Francisco Fire Department's FREE Neighborhood Emergency Response Team training classes. NERT classes are offered in every neighborhood of the City. In May, the next series of classes will be starting in Pacific Heights at the CPMC Pacific Campus and also in the Ingleside Neighborhood at Lick Wilmerding High School. Diamond Heights and Financial District classes will begin in June. NERT classes can be arranged for groups of employees. NERT classes are available in Spanish and Cantonese. For more information or to register for a NERT class, go to www.sfgov.org/sfnert

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