



MEDIA ADVISORY

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San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Conducts Neighborhood Drills

*Disaster Response Drills Commemorating
21st Anniversary of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake*

Since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, NERT has trained over 23,000 civilians to assist the San Francisco Fire Department after a severe earthquake or other major emergency by taking care of themselves, their families, and their neighbors. NERT has held annual Citywide drills since 1992. Over 300 volunteers participated in the April 2012 citywide drill.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012:

Beginning at 8:30AM, NERT members from all over San Francisco will meet at staging areas in four different neighborhoods in the City including Alamo Square, South Beach, North Bernal Heights and the Clarendon Corridor to put their training into action in this multi-hour drill. NERT volunteers at each location have planned their drill activities, which may include practicing search and rescue techniques, triaging injured victims, setting up staging areas, and other essential disaster response skills.

VISUAL TV / PHOTO OPP / INTERVIEWS:

Opportunities are available to take action shots of NERT volunteers in NERT hard hats and emergency response clothing. They will be participating in emergency drill activities simulating search and rescue, triaging victims, communications with SFFD Battalion Chiefs and other disaster operations. Live interview opportunities with NERT Program Instructors, SFFD Chiefs and NERT volunteers.

WHEN:

Saturday, October 20, 2012, from 8:30AM until 12:30PM

NERT Leader Guides at the October 20th Drill Sites

Battalions 1, 2 & 4 Alamo Square 8:30am to 12:30pm
Alamo Square Park Tennis Courts: Enter park at corner of Steiner and Hayes
Media Contact on Day of Drill: Edie Schaffer, NERT Advisory Board member
Cell: [\(415\) 999-2011](tel:4159992011), KI6BSC

Battalions 3 & 10 South Beach 8:30am to 12:30pm
South Beach Park and South Beach Harbor Promenade (along The Embarcadero between Pier 40 and AT&T Park)
Media Contact on Day of Drill: Gary Pegueros, NERT Advisory Board member
Cell: [\(415\) 533-8982](tel:4155338982)

Battalions 6 & 9 North Bernal Heights 8:30am to 12:30pm
Precita Park: Folsom and Precita
Media Contact on Day of Drill: Maxine Fasulis, NERT Advisory Board member
Cell: [\(415\) 559-2695](tel:4155592695)

Battalions 7 & 8 Clarendon Corridor 8:30am to 12:30pm
Midtown Terrace Playground Courts: Olympia and Clarendon
Media Contact on Day of Drill: Diane Rivera, NERT Advisory Board member
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WHO:

All San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Graduates
Interested Members of the Public
City Leaders

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About NERT

The San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is a disaster preparedness organization sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD). The program offers free, basic and advanced preparedness training to those who live and work in San Francisco, and provides an organizing framework for neighborhood teams in the city. Teams gather after a disaster to survey their neighborhoods, provide information to the SFFD, conduct light search and rescue and medical triage, and help transport victims to medical treatment facilities. Since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, NERT has trained over 23,000 citizens to assist the San Francisco Fire Department after a major disaster by taking care of themselves, their families, and their neighbors. More information on upcoming training can be found on the NERT website, www.sfgov.org/sfnert, or by calling 415-970-2022.

