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San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Conducts October 13 Citywide Drill

NERT Drill designed by neighbors for neighbors

WHAT:

The final citywide San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) drill of 2007. NERT members from all over San Francisco will convene on October 13th to put their training into action in this three-hour drill. The drill will take place in 8 neighborhood staging areas simultaneously. NERT volunteers will practice communications with the SFFD Battalion Chiefs, setting up staging areas, conducting neighborhood assessment and other essential disaster response skills. Since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, NERT has trained over 16,000 citizens 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.

VISUAL TV / PHOTO OPP:

Opportunities to take action shots of NERT volunteers in hard hats, participating in emergency drill activities simulating search and rescue and other disaster operations. Live interview opportunities with NERT Program Coordinator and NERT volunteers.

WHEN:

Saturday October 13, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Best time: 10:00 -11:30am (politicians scheduled to visit at that time)

WHERE:

Media sites: Duboce Playground, Duboce and Noe Streets
Holly Park, Elsie and Holly Park Circle

Additional drill sites: South Park, South Park and 3rd street
Moscone Playground, Chestnut and Laguna (behind kiddie park)
Ortega Library, 39th Ave and Ortega
Ingleside Terrace, Junipera Serra and Mercedes
Potrero Hill, 20th Street/Missouri

WHO:

All San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team graduates, interested members of the public and civic leaders

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