The volunteers of the San Francisco Fire Department NERT program demonstrate their commitment to response readiness on a regular basis. This April 18, 2009, 323 trained NERT members from throughout the City came together to commemorate the Anniversary of the 1906 earthquake and drill with their neighbors.

While there were opportunities to respond to multiple rooms of injured people, controlled fire extinguishment, and victim rescue using cribbing and mechanical advantage, a key component of this drill was to master effective assessment for and communication with the Fire Department.