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Lynn Jacklevich, NERTNews Editor

We're electronic! Sometimes it takes a push to do something new and we had the best push: Put budget dollars into training or into the NERTNews? No contest! Training is always first and now we can explore 21st century means for getting the news to you. You're invited to sign up for a direct e-subscription. Send your request via email to kg6cev@yahoo.com - that's me. We'll also be exploring other ways to flash news to NERTs! Your ideas are welcome. ♦



APRIL DRILL ON JUNE 26

Marina Middle School!

Dedicated to two refresher drills a year, SFFD has managed the budget to get an April drill in June! It may not be an anniversary of an earthquake - but it could be! Latest estimates are that there is a 62% probability of a strong earthquake striking the greater Bay Area region within the next 30 years and the most likely candidates are the San Andreas and Hayward faults.

Be ready! Come practice skills with your NERT colleagues!
June 26, Marina Middle School, 8:30 to noon

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

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With the new year have come leadership changes! Our new program coordinator was announced in February: Erica Arteseros. Erica, a 7-year veteran of the SFFD, had applied for the program coordinator's post two years ago. Convinced of the value of NERT, she went through the training and attended the ICS and Coordinator College training. That didn't scare her away! In fact, it made her more sure that this was a job she wanted. She has it now and is faced with the considerable challenge of training SF residents on a shoe-string budget. Erica has made it clear that her first priority is funding - so that she can put on the neighborhood classes. You can welcome Erica and offer your support and assistance by calling the NERT office, **970-2024**, or e-mailing her at sfdnert@sfgov.org.

There are changes on the Executive Board too. Many people have contributed over the past 14 years and we are pleased to announce this tradition continues. Five new Board members will serve through 2005:

Kathy Florio ♦ Tom Henning ♦ David Hirtz ♦ Ritan Hurtado ♦ Norm Levy

Kathy Florio, coordinator for the Pacific Heights team, has been selected as the Board Chairperson. Congratulations Kathy and good luck!

Each new member brings not only a commitment to NERT - which is considerable - but also a marvelous array of talents, abilities, and energy. It's going to be a great Board.

The Board welcomes your questions and suggestions. Contact information is on page 6. Several members complete their terms by the end of 2004 and we will be looking for more candidates. Let us know if you are interested! ♦

Thank you David Hirtz for the NERT Drill Banner announcing the June 26 Drill to everyone who ran in or saw the Bay to Breakers Race!

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NERT Office: New Location, New Phone Number!

The NERT Program Office has moved!
NERT is now located at the SFFD Division of Training, 2310 Folsom @ 19th, Bungalow B.
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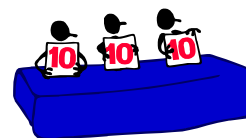
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**Next
deadline for
NERTNews
submissions
August 13!**

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT AND EVER-READY NERTS

Maxine Fasulis, Noe Valley Coordinator



Saturday April 17 was the day. Golden Gate Park was the place. 50 or so orange-vested and yellow-helmeted NERTS put their skills to the test at a quickly organized skills practice/mini-drill.

After the usual introductions and establishment of safety protocols and procedures, the large group split into two smaller ones to rotate through each of the two practices.

Aby assisted by our Diana Lum, West Portal, our own David "Can you hear me now" Hirtz, Outer Richmond, led an exercise in radio communication.

Groups of NERTs, with radios and without, were spread throughout the park — well, not that far, but throughout the rec area anyway! The groups were sometimes in line of sight, but always far enough away that they could not hear conversation except over the radio. Non-radio equipped NERTs acted as scribes to record the message being conveyed via radio communication.



What a hoot! Some groups got the message right, complete with a repeated word; others got the substance but not the completed message. Lessons learned included the need to take the message down and relay it, repeats (which sound like errors) and all, exactly as it is received.

Aby assisted by Smitty the Wonder Dog, Lynn Jacklevich from Potrero Hill and Phil Laird from Miraloma/Mt. Davidson, led the building evaluation and inspection exercise. Again, breaking up into smaller groups, the NERT teams took a previously determined area of approximately a block in size. They walked it. They made observations about it. They looked for specific hazards listed in the exercise materials. And they made discoveries of some important information that wasn't in the exercise materials. Example: our team discovered a building that houses out-of-town families while their sick children receive treatment at the UC hospital. This is a facility that would be full of folks, already stressed, who would also be unfamiliar with earthquakes and their aftermath. The teams used their NERT training, discussing how to handle each hazard, how to respond to the various potential problems posed by the exercises in the materials and how to respond to the unique situations discovered along the way.

After the two rotations, we gathered again for a 'hotwash' and evaluation of the exercise. The consensus — and NERTs always do things by consensus - it's the NERT way! — was that the mini-drill was a success! More mini-drills! More mini-drills! ♦



HAM CRAM!

NERT Ham Communications Team (HCT) and the Auxiliary Communications Service are sponsoring a ham cram. Study, test, and know whether you passed all in one day. Then start shopping for that radio and enroll in HCT emergency communications training.

June 19 - 8 to 4
St. Teresa's Church Hall
19th and Connecticut
Bring \$15 - IN CASH - for testing fees
Study materials are provided free
through the NERT Auxiliary

E-mail Bob Jacklevich at jacklevich@yahoo.com to enroll.

Jump in - the water's fine!

We have teams in search of a coordinator and neighborhoods that need teams!



To form a neighborhood team, contact the NERT Office at 970-2024 or sffdnert@sfgov.org. If you are interested in becoming a coordinator for an existing team, contact David Hirtz or Ritan Hurtado of the Executive Board.

Looking for a summer activity? Our mini-drill was a great success and we want to do more...will you help plan or lead? E-mail ideas - and your available time - to Board Chair Kathy Florio.

Contact information on page 6.

MORE IN '04

Erica Arteseros, NERT Program Coordinator

As I was preparing for our June City Wide Drill - lining up my fellow firefighter NERT instructors, preparing invitations for the masses and planning the Drill itself, I realized that nothing in the Fire Academy had prepared me for being the NERT Program Coordinator. (What **does** that stand for?) But so much of the rest of my life made this the place that I should be now.

I am Erica Arteseros, a San Francisco native from the Fillmore District. After receiving my BA from Humboldt State University, I moved to Seattle, working in the Athletic Department for the University of Washington Huskies. After three years, I felt compelled to go home, moved back to the Fillmore, and joined the SFFD in December 1997.

Today I am excited about the future of the NERT Program, even with the challenges we face! The most obvious is securing funding; the not so obvious will come when we put our training to work during "the real thing". But we have a great group of dedicated neighborhood coordinators who have always been the programs greatest asset. Talk about challenges: keeping their teams together, adding to their numbers and getting the word out for new classes is no small feat. Add the drills and practices and it becomes obvious that the program could not survive without them!

What makes this program great are the volunteers and the exciting challenge to prepare people for the worst while everything is going well. I am confident we can expand the NERT program and make NERT so much more in 2004!

I look forward to sharing in this with all of you.

Partners, Exhibitors, Participants at the drill

NERT is not alone in our goal to do the most good for the most people!

Many city agencies - professional and volunteer - are involved in emergency preparedness and response. We will work with them when the big one hits. Many have worked with us at other drills and in creating innovative ways to care for our neighbors. And many will be at the drill June 26. Here's your chance to talk to other experts!

San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Police Department, Office of Emergency Services - Homeland Security, Bay Area Chapter of American Red Cross, Salvation Army, SAFE, SPCA, Department of Health - Disaster Registry Program, SF Volunteer Center, Fire King (get extinguishers charged/buy new ones)

APRIL DRILL IN JUNE!

June 26...it rings no bells, sounds no sirens. It's not an anniversary or holiday; it's just a day in June. Until this year! Now it's a NERT Citywide Drill!

The customary April drill - coinciding with the anniversary of the 1906 quake - has been rescheduled to Saturday June 26. NERTs throughout the City should come to the Marina Middle School, Fillmore @ Bay, and practice, practice, practice! The plan:

✓ 7:30 - NERT volunteers start arriving to set up classrooms, direct exhibitors, and prepare for hundreds of NERTs.

✓ 8:30 - NERTs start arriving; sign in, get assignment cards, and meet up with their team members. And breakfast compliments of the SFPD Credit Union.

✓ 9:15 - Program Coordinator, Erica Arteseros opens the drill.

✓ 9:30 - NERTs go to their first assignment.

✓ 10:25 - the first rotation ends and we scramble for five minutes to get to our next!

✓ 10:30 - NERTs begin their second assignment

✓ 10:55 - the second rotation ends and we scramble for five minutes to get to our next!

✓ 11:00 - NERTs start their last assignment.

✓ 11:30 - everyone assembles in the yard for a cribbing exercise.

✓ 11:45 - we bring the drill to a close with remarks from visiting VIPs and memorials to two founders of NERT who passed away this year. Dick Lauer was one of the original SFFD instructors and assisted Program Coordinators during NERTs growth and continuing development. Betty White was a dedicated activist and one of the Marina residents who worked for creation of NERT after Loma Prieta. We will remember their contributions to NERT and the City of San Francisco.

And then it's lunch - thanks to the Salvation Army.

And what will we be practicing?

- ❖ search & rescue with START practice
- ❖ table-top exercise on setting up your staging area using spontaneous (non-NERT!) volunteers
- ❖ Ham radio overview from Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), IDs, exhibits

What should **you** do now?

✓ Mark your calendars, clear your schedule and come to Marina Middle School June 26.

✓ Get out your NERT Manual and read up on search and rescue, START, disaster medicine, staging areas and Incident Command.

✓ Plan to be a victim - we have two classes graduating just before the drill (page 6). Being a victim is excellent refresher for Simple Assessment And Rapid Treatment.

✓ Contact your team coordinator or other team members and come together.

NERT NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM DIRECTORY

*This directory is for the private use of NERT members only.
Any other use of the information in this directory is strictly prohibited.*

The information displayed is: Team Name and ERD, Coordinator and Contact Information, Staging Area

Balboa Terrace/Mt. Dav. Manor, ERD 9

Susan Yip
Sdyip@juno.com or 469-7559
Aptos Middle School Field, Aptos@Ocean

Bayview/Hunters Point, ERD 10

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
M.L.King, Jr. Pool (3rd/Carroll)
or Bret Harte School

Bernal Heights, ERD 6

Barbara Underberg, 648-6220
Precita Park (Precita/Folsom)

Castro, ERD 6

Scott Callaway, 648-6480
Collingwood Rec Center

Cayuga

Barbara Fugate
To be determined

Chinatown, ERD 1

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
Portsmouth Square

Diamond Heights, ERD 6

Tony Lunn, 469-7602
Christopher Recreation Area

Duboce Triangle, ERD 5

Rochelle McCune, 861-5758
Duboce Park (Duboce/Steiner)

Excelsior, ERD 9

Larry Fabian, 587-1915, nerdinator@comcast.net
Crocker Amazon Park (Moscow/France)

Glen Park, ERD 9

Russ Walter, 337-9726
Erik Kramvik, 333-4932
Glen Park Rec Center

Haight/Ashbury, ERD 5

Deborah Kaeser @ dkaesersf@hotmail.com
Panhandle (Masonic/Oak)

Ingleside Terraces, ERD 9

Barney Johnson, 584-5223
Junipero Serra Blvd, @ Mercedes

Inner Richmond, ERD 7

Vincent Louie, 387-4477
Mt. Lake Park (Lake/9th Ave.)

Inner Sunset, ERD 8

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
Golden Gate Park (7th Ave/Lincoln)

Laguna Honda, ERD 8

Ann E. Wharton, 661-7620
Triangle Park (Laguna Honda/Balceta)



Lakeside, ERD 9

Gene Agatstein at agat@ix.netcom.com
Serra Playground, Stonecrest Drive

Laurel Heights, ERD 4

Anna Foo, 752-5736
Laurel Hill Playground (Euclid/Collins)

Marina, ERD 4

Call 558-9456 to volunteer
Moscone Playground (Chestnut/Buchanan)

Midtown Terrace ERD 8

Ron Miller and Valerie Walker, 970-0654
Playground at Olympia@Clarendon

Mission, ERD 6

Jennifer Eaton, jeneaton1@yahoo.com, 350-6463
John Lathrop, 826-4795
Dolores Park Stairs, 19th@Dolores

Mt. Davidson/Miraloma, ERD 9

Gary Isaacson, 585-9729
Phil Laird, 469-0876
Miraloma School (Omar/Sequoia)

Nob Hill, ERD 1

Buck Bradberry at buckbradberry@msn.com
Ritan Hurtado, 776-2742
Huntington Square Park (California/Taylor)

Noe Valley, ERD 6

Maxine Fasulis, 641-5536 or mfasulis@yahoo.com
James Lick School (Noe/Clipper)

North Beach, ERD 1

Ted Nelson, 956-7282
North Beach Playground (Powell/Lombard)

North of Market, ERD 2

Tim Agar, 674-6142
Lorrie Boen, 921-1432
Boeddeker Park (Jones/Eddy)

North of Panhandle, ERD 5

Tys Sniffen, tyss@ideamountain.com
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Panhandle, Oak @ Masonic

Outer Richmond, ERD 7

Peggy Maynes, 387-7297
David Hirtz, 387-4244
Washington High (31st/Geary)

Pacific Heights, ERD 4

Katherine Florio, kcflorio@hotmail.com
Lafayette Park (Gough/Sacramento)

Park Merced East, ERD 9

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
Parking Lot, 640 Palmetto

Parkview, ERD 5

Larry Burgheimer, 566-5168
 Kezar Triangle (West End-Lincoln/Arguello)

Potrero Hill, ERD 10

Bob & Lynn Jacklevich, 282-4195
 jacklevich@yahoo.com or kg6cev@yahoo.com
 Daniel Webster School (Missouri@20th)

Presidio Heights, ERD 4

Carol Solfanelli, solfanelli@earthlink.net
 Presidio Heights Playground (Clay/Laurel)

Russian Hill, ERD 1

Donald Miner, 554-3050 or bettiboop2000@yahoo.com
 Helen Wills Playground,
 Galileo High, Football Field, Yick Wo School

St. Francis Woods, ERD 9

Herb & Marnie Gerlach, 664-5215
 Terrace Green (Santa Clara/Terrace)

South of Market, ERD 3

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
 Moscone Center/Yerba Buena Gardens

Sunnyside, ERD 9

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
 Sunnyside Recreation Center

Sunset/Parkside, ERD 8

Elish Cronin elizcronin@wans.net
 Bob Jacobs pat_bob@prodigy.net
 John O'Connell Library (39th/Ortega)
 147.540 MHz Simplex

Telegraph Hill, ERD 1

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
 North Beach Playground (Powell/Lombard)

Treasure Island, ERD 13

Monica Foster-Wells, 982-0927
 School Playground near Station 48

Visitacion Valley, ERD 9

Call 558-3456 to volunteer
 Community Center (50 Raymond)

West Portal/Parkside, ERD 8

Diana Lum, dlum@wcf.com or 731-7793
 Larson Park (field at 19th Ave/Ulloa)

Western Addition, ERD 5

Reggie Pettus, 563-9793
 Uptown Church of Christ (Fillmore/McAlister)
 Alta Plaza Tennis Courts (Clay/Steiner)

Westwood Park, ERD 9

Andrew Zittell, 247-2747
 Wayne Yake at cdryake@speakeasy.net
 Montecito Green (Montecito/Plymouth)

**RIDING THE WAVES**

ACS holds two "nets" during the week. "Siren Net" is every Tuesday noon, UHF 146.79 (-). Anyone can call in to report the condition of the sirens located throughout the city. Thursday evenings at 7:30, it's the "ACS Net", VHF 442.050 (+), pl 127.3. Tune in and learn.

City geography makes it necessary to use different repeaters. Operators on the north and west sides of the City should use 145.150; on the east and south sides use 146.79(-) or UHF 443.100 pl 114.8. If the repeater is down, use 145.15 or 146.79 simplex.

The Red Cross Mass Care Shelter simplex frequency is 147.420 MHz; Monitor 145.15(+) and 146.79(-). For the latest update on Emergency Response District simplex frequencies, contact the Operations Officer of ACS at 415-703-6586.

The San Francisco Amateur Radio Club is another resource for Hams. Call 752-9808 or check the web site, www.sfarc.org. Their radio net is Mondays at 8 p.m. on the W6PW repeater, 145.15.

**ERD INFORMATION**

HAMS: For the latest update on ERD Simplex frequencies, contact the ACS Operations Officer at 415-703-6586.

ERD	Address	Simplex	Disaster Care Facility
ERD #1	1340 Powell St.	145.560 mHz	Chinese Hospital, St. Francis Hospital
ERD #2	109 Oak St.	144.240 mHz	Kaiser/St. Francis
ERD #3	36 Bluxome St.	146.490 mHz	San Francisco General Hospital, St. Francis Hospital
ERD #4	2150 California St.	147.350 mHz	Cal Pacific Medical Center-Sacramento St.
ERD #5	1443 Grove St.	145.530 mHz	UCSF, St. Mary's, Cal Pacific Med Ctr-Davies, Kaiser-Geary
ERD #6	3880 - 26th St.	147.510 mHz	St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco General Hospital
ERD #7	441 - 12th Ave.	147.570 mHz	VA Hospital, Kaiser, Cal Pacific Medical Center-Calif. St.
ERD #8	2155 - 18th Ave.	147.540 mHz	Seton Medical Center
ERD #9	1000 Ocean Ave.	147.405 mHz	Seton Medical Center
ERD #10	2245 Jerrold	144.270 mHz	San Francisco General Hospital
ERD #11	The Presidio	146.475 mHz	VA Hospital/Kaiser
ERD #13	Treasure Island	146.595 mHz	



For the location of American Red Cross Shelters and First Aid Centers, listen to the Emergency Alert System following a major disaster. In San Francisco: KCBS-740 AM.

2004 EVENTS & MEETINGS

*Executive Board meets at SFFD Division of Training, 19th & Folsom, monthly.
Coordinator's Meetings are held at Office of Emergency Services, 1011 Turk Street.*

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June and July

Water Safety and Recreation & Parks Months

Preparedness doesn't take a summer vacation; check your car kit.

6/16 Executive Board Meeting

6/26 Citywide Drill - Marina Middle School

7/21 Executive Board Meeting

7/28 Coordinators Meeting

August

Home Business Month

Help your coordinator get the team ready for Fall activities.

8/13 NERTNews Deadline

8/18 Executive Board Meeting

September

Hispanic Heritage Month

Volunteer for Fleet Week; help plan your neighborhood drill.

9/15 Executive Board Meeting

9/22 Coordinators Meeting

October

Home Safety Month

Go through your emergency supplies; donate food stores to the Food Bank.

10/2 Citywide Drill - in the Neighborhoods

10/9-10 Fleet Weekend - NERTs needed to staff booth and demonstrate skills

10/16 Pacificon - Ham Radio Fest - Concord

10/20 Executive Board Meeting

10/27 Coordinators Meeting

Event: *Grand Prix Bicycle Race*

November

Child Safety & Protection Month

Review your family evacuation and reunification plans.

11/12 NERTNews Deadline

11/19 Executive Board Meeting

NEIGHBORHOOD CLASS SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change. Call 970-2024 to register or visit our website: www.sfgov.org/sffdnert - click on NERT Training Registration

Miraloma/Mt. Davidson/West Portal/Sunset - Tuesday evenings - started May 18
Miraloma Community Church, 480 Teresita
Class six is June 22 - come be a victim!

Pacific Hieghts/Western Addition/Marina - Wednesday evenings - started May 19
Town School, 2750 Jackson @ Divisadero
Class six is June 23 - come be a victim!

Bernal/Mission/Portrero/Holly Park - Tuesday evenings - starts June 29
Bernal Hieghts Pubic Library, 500 Cortland Ave @ Moultrie
Class six is August 3 - come be a victim!