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**San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT)
Conducts April 14 Citywide Drill**

The first Citywide Disaster Response Drill of 2012

WHAT:

The first Citywide San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) drill of 2012: NERT members from all over San Francisco will convene on April 14th to put their training into action in this three-hour drill. NERT volunteers will practice search and rescue techniques, triaging injured victims, setting up staging areas, and other essential disaster response skills. NERT has held annual Citywide drills since 1992; over 200 volunteers have signed up to participate this year. Since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, NERT has trained over 22,500 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.

VISUAL TV / PHOTO OPP:

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 April 14, 2012
9:00am to 12:45pm
Best time for media: 10:00am to conclusion
Closing Ceremony at 12:30pm

WHERE:

Everett Middle School, 450 Church Street. Enter school yard via 17th Street (between Church and Sanchez Streets)

WHO:

All San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team graduates, interested members of the public, and 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 22,500 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.

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