

**City of Palos Verdes Estates  
Police Department  
Disaster District Program**

**Are You Prepared?  We Can Help...**

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- [How to Prepare for and Survive a Disaster in PVE](#) [8 pages PDF]
- [Disaster Preparedness Guidelines](#) [47 pages PDF]

#### Disaster District Program

The City of Palos Verdes Estates has developed a comprehensive community based disaster preparedness and response program known as the Palos Verdes Estates Disaster District Program (DDP). With a select group of volunteers the program is designed to increase disaster readiness and survivability at the neighborhood level during a disaster.

The program divides the City into 6 Disaster Districts, each equipped with a cache of equipment and supplies to support community responders. Managed by sworn Disaster Service Worker Volunteers under the City's Disaster Services Coordinator, the program integrates the resources of disaster services including area CERT members, Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team (NART), Disaster Service Workers (DSW) and the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department's Reserve Corps.

To learn more about the city's Disaster District Program please contact the Community Relations Officer at 310-378-4211 for more information.



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#### PVE's Get Ready – Get Certified Program

Together with resident volunteers and emergency personnel, the City is pleased to announce the Get Ready – Get Certified disaster preparedness program.

The Get Ready – Get Certified program has been developed as a component of the PVE Disaster District Plan (DDP) devised to enhance your family's emergency preparedness. The program is designed to allow residents to self-certify through an easy 3-step process:

- Become informed about Disaster Preparedness and develop, and implement, a household plan using the Get Ready – Get Certified guidelines.
- Acquire and safely store adequate water and food supplies for each household member.
- Acquire and safely store emergency equipment and supplies for your household.

The City will provide the requisite sources of information to accomplish these three actions. When these three steps are complete, a one-page self certification form demonstrates your household has completed the three step process. For additional information on this program, or to begin the certification process, please click on link below or contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle Herrera of the PVE Police Department at (310) 378-4211.

- [Certification Form](#) [PDF]
- [DDP Skills, Equipment and Needs Form](#) [PDF]
- [DDP Donation Form](#) [PDF]

#### NART- Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team

If a severe emergency should hit our City, the ability to communicate with all departmental entities by the Emergency Operations Center at City Hall is vital. Officials might also have to contact other South Bay cities for mutual aid. Finally, there is a need for the various City and county agencies to communicate with one another. The systems that are in place to accomplish all these needs will quickly become overwhelmed when a large-scale emergency hits. Fortunately, the City has a group of Amateur Radio Operators (Hams) who have been trained to help solve these problems. The group is called the Palos Verdes Estates Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team or PVE/NART for short. The City and Neighborhood Watch group have provided funding for the complete VHF/UHF Ham stations in City Hall and PVE Police Department Mobile Command Unit that can act as a back up Emergency Operations Center if City Hall becomes unavailable.



We have the organization and we have the equipment. However, we need more operators. If you are a licensed ham and could help, please call Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at (310)378-4211. or e-mail Bryant Winchell at [bryantcw@cox.net](mailto:bryantcw@cox.net). There are no dues and the demand on your time will be minimal—about 30 minutes a week after being trained on your equipment. In his State of the Union message, President Bush urged all U.S. Citizens to donate 4000 hours of volunteer work over his/her lifetime. He called it the "U S A Freedom Corps." Here is one way you can meet that challenge. Your support could make the difference if (when) a disaster hits. If you would like to help but do not have a ham license, there are classes offered locally to help you pass the FCC tests. Knowledge of Morse code is no longer necessary for some classes of license. Details will be provided if requested.





The PVP CERT is a government/community resource that provides basic training in disaster preparedness necessary to help you help your family, your neighborhood, and your community in a disaster. We are a registered California Corporation and have IRS Tax Exempt status as a nonprofit entity under IRS 501 (c) (3).

- PVP CERT is a Community Emergency Response Team that is unique to the Peninsula area.
- Benefits of such a team can provide for an effective first response.
- Members are provided continuous training.
- PVP CERT team members meet on a bi-monthly basis to review various scenarios dealing with natural disasters

For additional information go to: <http://www.palosverdes.com/pvpcert/>

#### **Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan**

In a similar manner, the Los Angeles County Fire Department takes precautions to help protect you and your property from wildfire. In the event of a major wildfire, however, there will simply not be enough fire engines or firefighters to defend every home in the early stages of the incident. This reality requires you to take personal responsibility for protecting yourself, your family and your property.

The Fire Department developed the Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan to give you the tips and tools to successfully prepare for a wildfire. The Plan will give you guidance on retrofitting your home with fire-resistive features and it will help you create the necessary defensible space around your home. This publication will help you prepare your home, yourself, and your family so that you can go early; well ahead of a fast-approaching wildfire.

In Los Angeles County, wildfires are often fueled by dry vegetation and driven by hot, dry "Santa Ana" winds, making them extremely dangerous and impossible to control. However, many residents have built their homes and landscaped without fully understanding the impact that a wildfire could have on them. Few have adequately prepared their families for a quick evacuation.

It's not a question of "if," but "when" the next major wildfire will occur in Los Angeles County. That's why the most important person in protecting your life and property is not the firefighter, but yourself. Through advance planning and preparation, we can all be ready for the next wildfire. For more information call the LAC Fire Department Public Information Office at (323) 881-2411 or download the brochure by clicking the Ready! Set! Go! Link below.

- [Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan](#) [PDF]

Through the successful completion of these two programs, your family and home will be better prepared for a disaster

#### **Other Emergency Preparedness Links**

- [El Niño Rains - Preparedness](#) [pdf]

##### **Earthquakes**

- o <http://www.daretoprepare.org/> (Dare to Prepare)
- o <http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/> (Putting Down Roots)
- o <http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2008/3027/> (Forecasting California's Earthquakes)
- o <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2008/1150/> (The Shakeout Scenario)
- o <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1324/c1324.pdf> (The Shakeout brochure)
- o [http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqscanv/FaultMaps/Los\\_Angeles.html](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqscanv/FaultMaps/Los_Angeles.html)

##### **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

- o <http://www.fema.gov>
- o <http://www.ready.gov/> (Ready America)
- o <http://www.ready.gov/are-you-ready-guide> (Are You Ready?)
- o <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit> (Disaster supplies kit)

##### **American Red Cross**

- o <http://www.prepare.org/home/>

##### **Los Angeles**

- o <http://lafd.org/eqbook.pdf> (L A Fire Dept Emergency Preparedness handbook)
- o <http://www.readyla.org> (L A Disaster Awareness)
- o [COOLING CENTER LIST 2017](#)

##### **Humane Society** (for your pets)

- o [http://www.humanesociety.org/about/departments/disaster\\_preparedness.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/about/departments/disaster_preparedness.html)