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THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (EMD), FEDERAL ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOMES (FLASH), AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) SET TO HOST QUAKE SMART PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP IN LOS ANGELES MAY 18, 2017

WHAT:

The City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) works to ensure that the City of Los Angeles, its residents, and businesses have the resources and information they need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and other significant events. EMD has partnered to bring the QuakeSmart Community Resilience Program to the City of Los Angeles to continue these efforts. This Program provides businesses and organizations, small or large, the tools to do the following:

- Identify their risks by learning about business continuity, disaster response, and the cost benefits of preparing for earthquakes and other business interruptions.
- Develop a plan to identify preparedness and mitigation actions needed to ensure the safety of their employees and customers, as well as conduct assessments and begin to plan for retrofit projects.
- Take action to learn how to perform disaster preparedness and mitigation activities.

WHO:

In continuing the efforts that began at the National Earthquake Conference held in Long Beach in 2016 and to prepare businesses and organizations for emergencies and disasters as part of the Los Angeles County's Prepareathon program, the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have partnered with the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management, City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, Earthquake Country Alliance, Southern California Earthquake Center, California Institute of Technology and other partners in hosting a QuakeSmart Preparedness Workshop to be held in Los Angeles.

WHERE:

The QuakeSmart Workshop are free, but require online registration. To register, please access <http://www.flash.org/quakesmartcommunity/>.

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m. -- 2:30 p.m.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

VISUALS:

- Live demonstrations with Workshop vendors and other organizations.
- Interview opportunities with the earthquake and disaster preparedness experts will be available in different languages upon request.

For additional information or for persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs please call 2-1-1 LA County or 3-1-1 for City of Los Angeles emergency, disaster preparedness, and community services information.

About the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department: Comprised of four divisions, the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department works to resolve the challenges in emergency management for the four million residents and 400,000 business firms that fall within its jurisdiction. The EMD's four divisions work with City departments, municipalities, and an array of community-based organizations to ensure that the City and its residents have the resources and information they need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and other significant events. More information at <http://emergency.lacity.org>

About FLASH

The nonprofit Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) is the country's leading consumer advocate for strengthening homes and safeguarding families from natural and manmade disasters. The FLASH partnership includes more than 120 innovative and diverse organizations that share a vision of making America a more disaster-resilient nation including: BASF, FEMA, Florida Division of Emergency Management, The Home Depot®, Huber Engineered Woods, International Code Council, Kohler® Generators, National Weather Service, Portland Cement Association, Simpson Strong-Tie®, State Farm®, and USAA®. In 2008, FLASH® and Disney opened the interactive weather experience StormStruck: A Tale of Two Homes® in Lake Buena Vista, FL. Learn more about FLASH and access free consumer resources by visiting www.flash.org, calling toll-free (877) 221- SAFE (7233), following @federalalliance on Twitter, Facebook.com/federalalliance, and the FLASH blog – Protect Your Home in a FLASH.

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