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Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office Conducts Medical Shelter Full Scale Exercise

[Oxnard, CA] The Ventura County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Ventura County Human Services Agency, and United Way is conducting a shelter training and exercise on May 14, 2012, at the Oxnard Armory located at 351 S. "K" Street. Classroom training will occur between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. The shelter exercise is scheduled between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

The purpose of this event is to test and evaluate the ability of the Ventura County Public Health, American Red Cross, Ventura County Human Services Agency and the United Way to work together to establish a Medical Shelter to respond to the access and functional needs and medical needs that may be encountered as a result of a catastrophic earthquake. This event is in support of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Golden Guardian 2012, Functional Exercise effort that is planned for May 16th, 2012.

On behalf of Ventura County Public Health and our partner agencies, we invite you to observe the exercise and experience how county agencies, non-governmental agencies and volunteer groups work together to respond to the medical and sheltering needs in our County. **The best media opportunities will take place between 1:30 and 2:30 pm.** Please contact Sheila Murphy at (805) 677-5274 if you plan to join us on May 14th.

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