In Event of Disaster

■ Housing and Public Works train their staffs to be ready for disasters.

HOUSING, PUBLIC WORKS — The Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit and the Public Works Contract Administration training sections completed five days of Post Disaster Safety Assessment Evaluator Training in late November.

The departments are pleased with what they are accomplished in a collaborative effort, and are the first to have a fully trained staff of evaluators recognized by the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Program is an all-hazard program, not just earthquake-specific. The program is designed to assist disaster victims to move more quickly into recovery by rapidly determining which buildings are safe enough for immediate re-occupancy. The process of evaluating structures is based on the process and procedures described in the Applied Technology Council publication ATC-20 Procedures for Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings.

The Post Disaster Assessment training took place at the Marvin Braude Building in Van Nuys.

From left: Jorge De La Torre, Reid Daub, Lee Clifton, James Feagin, Richard Bennett and Wayne Durand.

From left: Engineer Morales; Capt. Tombrello; Apparatus Operator Cline; and Engineer Heredia.

Maurine Tombrello, wife of Capt. Tombrello of Fire Station 10.

Blood for Tom

■ Firefighters give blood to help Capt. II Tom Dowling.

Story and photos by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor

FIRE DEPT. — The Fire Dept. held a blood drive and bone marrow donor registration Nov. 16 at the Fire Academy.

The drive was in honor of Capt. II Tom Dowling, whom, according to a Fire Dept. flyer, is battling cancer and soon will need a bone marrow transplant.

"Tom is a very well respected firefighter with an extensive firefighting background working at the most challenging assignments in the City for the past 29.5 years," the brochure states. "He is assigned to Fire Station 10 near the Convention Center. Tom also served as the Vice President and President of the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association, where he unselfishly served LAFD members and their families in the most difficult of times."

The Club's best wishes to Tom and his family as he battles for his health.

Firefighters sign up to donate blood.

From left: Capt. Andrade, Fire Station 3; Capt. Grijalva, Fire Station 3; and Bill Whitney, Battalion I Cert Coordinator.

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